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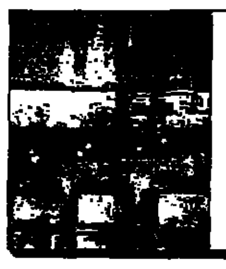

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Husband has paid high price for affair, says wife

Deputy governor quits Bank over 'foolish mistakes'

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

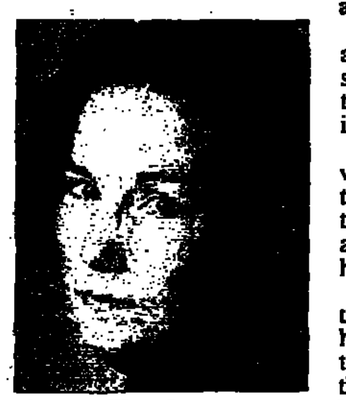
RUPERT Pennant-Rea resigned from his £180,000 a year post as deputy governor of the Bank of England yesterday after disclosures about his three-year affair with a financial journalist.

Mr Pennant-Rea said in his resignation letter to Kenneth Clarke that he was stepping down "with great regret" to avoid the possibility of the Bank "being damaged by some foolish mistakes that I made, albeit more than a year ago". He is not expected to receive a pay-off.

The Bank has been at the centre of numerous City scandals in its 300-year history — most of them concerning other institutions; while this is not the most damaging, it is certainly the most titillating.

Mr Pennant-Rea's career at the Bank was ended by Mary Ellen Synon's revelations in a Sunday newspaper about their relationship, which began when Mr Pennant-Rea, 47, was editor of *The Economist* and ended last year. Ms Synon, 44, is the magazine's Ireland correspondent.

Pennant-Rea: sought to avoid damaging the bank



Mary Ellen Synon: "monument to Damart"

Eddie George, the Bank's governor, is understood to have known about the affair for about a year and had given his deputy the backing to stay on. But yesterday he issued a brief statement saying he understood Mr Pennant-Rea's reasons for going. It was a matter of "deep personal regret" and he greatly respected his determination to minimise any damage to the Bank.

The Prime Minister was also kept informed of the situation and had confirmation of Mr Pennant-Rea's resignation this morning.

Mr Pennant-Rea's third wife, Helen, said yesterday that she, too, had been told of the affair about a year ago, and was standing by her husband.

In a statement read out from the doorstep of their Chelsea home, she said they had spent the past year trying to rebuild their marriage and that her husband had "paid a very high price" for choosing to stay with his family. The couple have a nine-year-old son, Edward, and two children, Rory and Emily, from Mr Pennant-Rea's second marriage.

She added "Despite the obvious desire to correct the many hurtful falsehoods that have been printed in the press since Sunday neither Rupert nor I will be saying anything further."

Ms Synon, who yesterday described herself as more like Miss Marple than Sharon Stone and as a "monument to Damart", told RTE radio in Dublin yesterday that she had revealed the details of the affair because of the way the relationship ended.

"If he had even been vaguely nice about this I would probably have cooled off in 20 minutes. But the fact that he was kind of deadly and vicious about it just made me angry. The really dumb thing was being so vicious to the woman involved. If you're going to dump, don't dump a financial journalist if you're the deputy governor of the Bank of England, that's dumb."

Despite Ms Synon's revelations, most in the City had expected Mr Pennant-Rea to keep his job. The head of one bank said last night that he was seen to have done his job effectively, and added: "I do not think that there are many places in the world where this would be a resigning matter."

However, senior banking sources said he had no alternative but to go. As well as deputising for Mr George, Mr Pennant-Rea was responsible for staff discipline; he felt that the disclosures damaged his credibility.

Mr Pennant-Rea, who joined the Bank in July 1993, is expected to be difficult to replace. The Government will be involved in the choice of a successor and the appointment would be announced by Downing Street. Candidates include the four directors of the Bank's main divisions: Ian Plenderleith, Pen Kent, Brian Quinn and Mervyn King.

In his short time at Threadneedle Street, Mr Pennant-Rea led a restructuring of the Bank's internal organisation, which was described by Mr George yesterday as quite outstanding. The Chancellor, too, praised the deputy governor's work in his reply to the resignation letter. Mr Clarke said Mr Pennant-Rea had done an exceptional job and thanked him for his "hard and effective work" during the Barings crisis.

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Helen Pennant-Rea announcing yesterday that she is standing by her husband

Blair puts his team on alert for snap election

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

TONY BLAIR is to give a warning to the Shadow Cabinet tonight that Labour could soon be facing a general election called by a new Conservative Prime Minister.

The Labour leader will put his team on a war footing, telling them that the Conservatives are now in the sort of panic mood that preceded the downfall of Baroness Thatcher and that Michael Heseltine is the front-runner to take over if John Major goes.

Mr Blair is to announce substantial new responsibilities for John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook as he tells the Shadow Cabinet that he is bringing forward policy and campaign preparations in readiness for an early poll.

He will also ban Shadow Cabinet members from making any spending commitments before detailed work on the election manifesto begins, warning them that the Conservatives are desperate again to portray Labour as a high-spending party.

In an important strengthening of Mr Brown's and Mr Cook's positions, the Shadow Chancellor is to head a new strategy team that is to meet daily and will handle day-to-day tactics and planning ahead for the election, and Mr Cook will head a new policy "star chamber".

Mr Blair's surprise message reflects a growing belief within the leadership that the election may come earlier than expected. Some Shadow Cabinet members privately see a snap election, called to cash in on the inevitable honeymoon that would be enjoyed by a new Tory leader, as one of the few serious threats to their hopes of returning to power for the first time since 1979.

There will be suspicions that

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Cabinet anti-gaffe group to improve ministers' PR

By Jill Sherman and Philip Webster

THE Prime Minister acted yesterday to halt the stream of gaffes that has dogged the Government's steps in recent weeks.

As John Major faced another close Commons vote on Europe, it was disclosed that the Prime Minister had set up a new Cabinet committee to improve the presentation and co-ordination of government policy.

The committee, chaired by David Hunt, the cabinet troubleshooter, met for the first time yesterday. One of its main purposes will be to try to enable the Government to avoid the pitfalls that have plagued the Tories over recent weeks when ministers have offered different interpretations of government policy.

The announcement came on the day that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, contradicted remarks by the Chancellor last week by insisting that the "feel-good" factor would be experienced well before the next election.

The spectacle of two senior ministers apparently at loggerheads further strained the patience of Tory MPs. Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, who has been guilty of several gaffes himself, will be on the committee with Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, and Viscount Cranborne, Leader of the Lords.

Other ministers will be invited to attend when necessary, as will Christopher Meyer, Mr Major's press secretary, and Norman Blackwell, head of the No 10 policy unit.

Downing Street denied that the committee's main mission was to spot potential gaffes, saying that the committee would be looking at presentational strategy over the longer term.

An official said that the group, the Committee on the Co-ordination and Presentation of Government Policy, would also set priorities and co-ordinate policies.

He pointed out that when Mr Hunt was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster last summer he was given special responsibility for the co-ordination and presentation of government policy.

The committee will look at the presentation of European policy, although officials said that policy would be in the hands of a separate cabinet committee, which is drawing up the British response to the Inter-Governmental Conference on Europe to be held next year.

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Japanese gas mask mystery

Sales of shares in Japan's only gas mask manufacturer rose 100 times above average last week — only two days before the poison gas attack which killed eight people and injured 4,700, 80 of them critically, in Tokyo's subway system.

Residents living near four subway stations on the worst affected line said that police were swarming around the stations as late as midnight on Sunday, only eight hours before the first reports of the incident........ Page 11

Santer seeks new Brussels powers

Brussels should have the right to shape Europe's foreign and security policy, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, has said.

Unveiling proposals for next year's review of the Maastricht Treaty, Mr Santer also called for Brussels to have greater influence over justice and home affairs........ Page 8

Excited youngsters force royal retreat

From Alan Hamilton in Cape Town

EXUBERANT black youths mobbed the Queen during her visit to a sports centre near Cape Town yesterday, forcing her to curtail her programme and beat a retreat to the safety of her car.

Hundreds of excited youths surrounded the Queen as she watched a display of mini-cricket, and the Duke of Edinburgh attempted to watch a display of mini-rugby. The crowd was entirely good natured, and Palace officials stressed that there had been no threat to security.

The incident happened during a brief stop by the royal party to see a training programme designed to encourage and improve sport in the black townships. As the Queen stopped to watch a mini-cricket match, players from other matches crowded around her, preventing her from going any further.

Bodyguards reversed her Range Rover through the crowd and took her to safety. She left the centre five minutes ahead of schedule. "This is quite a scrum," Morne Du Plessis, manager of the South African rugby team, who was on hand to show the queen round, said. A member of the royal entourage shrugged his shoulders and commented: "That's Africa."

Royal officials said that, with the Queen due to visit four other townships, including Soweto, they would reassess crowd control measures, but there was no question of curtailing her programme. "If the Queen gets such a warm welcome in the other townships, she will be very happy," a Palace spokesman said.

Earlier, the royal party attended St George's cathedral, Cape Town, to mark South Africa's first Human Rights Day, held on the 35th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre when 69 blacks protesting at the Pass laws were shot dead by police.

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Tunnel defences foil Napoleon's invasion

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

A STRAY dog sparked a major Channel Tunnel security alert after penetrating train terminal defences at Calais and striking out for England.

The Alsatian bitch, christened *Napoleon* by her French captors, was run to ground last week two and a half miles into the 31-mile tunnel after evading at least two lines of elaborate anti-rabies defences.

The dog was finally halted by humane stun barriers installed through the tunnel and designed to deliver a painful but non-fatal shock to any animals giving security guards the slip.

Eurotunnel said the dog gave herself up without a struggle after being tracked down by guards, and was handed over to the SPA, the French animal welfare group. She is currently recovering from her ordeal in a Calais kennel and has tested negative for rabies.

The SPA said the incident was the sixth time it had been called out to deal with animals on Eurotunnel property, although it was the first time one had entered the tunnel.

The other dogs have either jumped the fence, dug under it, or swum into the Eurotunnel compound from a nearby river, said Pierre Carpentier, an SPA spokesman.

Eurotunnel devoted huge resources to making the tunnel animal-proof in consultation with vets, the RSPCA and the Ministry of Agriculture. As well as the electric shock barriers, there is poisoned bait for rats every 100 yards, and all service pipes are sealed by wire mesh. There are also daily tunnel inspections for bat colonies.

A Eurotunnel spokeswoman said: "The point is, the dog didn't get through. It proves the systems we have put in place work. It is a pretty hostile environment for a dog down there." However, the dog did slip through at least two layers of defences — a 10-foot-high perimeter security fence at the Channel Tunnel terminal and an animal-proof fence surrounding the entrances to the tunnels.

Mark Watts, the Labour Euro MP for Kent East, called on Eurotunnel to beef up its security. "If this dog has got through then others could do the same unless Eurotunnel makes tougher security measures to stop this happening again," he said.

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Little and large approve a small surprise

Alan Duncan

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Small is beautiful! Yesterday saw a Commons victory for the teeny-weenies. Britain's smallest male MP struck a blow for England's smallest county. Alan Duncan (5ft 5in) (C, Rutland & Melton) has beaten his tiny fists on ministers' doors until, defeating Whitehall scepticism, he has won for Rutland the chance to re-emerge as an English county. Yesterday came the announcement.

It was a double whammy — or double whammikins. The scale of the bonsai MP's achievement emerged as, during a dull statement on local government reorganisation, the Environment Secretary John Gummer sprang his small surprise. "I am minded to agree that the historic county of Rutland should regain its independence".

Duncan (the nickname "Hunky-Dunky" has been coined, probably by him) bounced eagerly up and down on his bench as, next to him, the vast Eric Pickles (C, Brentwood & Ongar), rippling gently, glanced down with amused tolerance at his small neighbour like a St Bernard contemplating an excitable poodle.

Areas of Mr Pickles are so far removed from other areas of Mr Pickles that there really is a case for a Commission to consider a possible Pickles Reorganisation, removing his status as a unitary structure and turning him into a multi-tier authority. At times only his huge braces appear to be keeping the whole thing together. Mr Pickles is one of those MPs for whom trousers answer the demands of structural safety as well as common decency.

As Rutland's population, added Gummer, "is just 33,000", he would first need to be satisfied that so small a county could be viable.

Why ever not? Duncan is perfectly viable, though occupying half the space of Pickles. Indeed, a Duncan creates more noise than a brace of Pickleses. He predates by decades the latest Japanese invention of miniature loudspeakers producing a full range of sound.

He produced it yesterday. Rutland, he declared was "at the starting gates". Now all the proto-county needed to do was show it was a runner. He added: "And my Rt Hon Friend will fire the starting gun".

Such was Duncan's excitement and energy that one felt that even a popgun in his hands could have become a lethal weapon. People sometimes say that the all-knowing Almighty, seeing how small some of His creatures are to be, has made them boisterous to compensate. But I think that, seeing how boisterous Mr Duncan was going to be, the Almighty made him small, to limit the damage.

Not that he was alone in feeling strongly. His colleague, the hefty Patrick McLoughlin (C, West Derbyshire), in a massive sulk about Gummer's failure to abolish Derbyshire County Council, glared at the Environment Secretary with the expression of one whose rusk has just been snatched away from him.

Only Lady Olga Maitland kept smiling — staring at Mr Gummer with an expression of complete adoration, her pearls swinging. At Cambridge, Gummer once enjoyed a friendship with Arianna Stassinopoulos who displayed a touching *tendresse for him.* Obviously something about this midget evangelist attracts rich women: a sort of *Salome* syndrome.

Such was our amusement that we all but overlooked what Gummer was doing. Starting from yesterday, every town of any size which has not achieved "unitary status" will start to want it. Carlisle and Eastbourne (or their MPs) were jumping up and down already. Years of restlessness and anger lie ahead.

Do they never learn?

Local government reorganisation

Gummer moves to banish boundary 'inconsistencies'

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

THE Environment Secretary yesterday saved Dorset from being dismembered in the reorganisation of local government but denied the New Forest the right to become an all-purpose unitary authority within Hampshire.

John Gummer confirmed, however, that Berkshire would be divided into six unitary authorities and that Worcester and Hereford would be separated.

Announcing his decisions on the final 12 councils in the reorganisation of England, Mr Gummer said he was "minded to agree that the historic county of Rutland should regain its independence", but added that because the area was small he would have to be satisfied that good practical arrangements could be made for services.

Other locations granted unitary staus yesterday were Derby, Stoke-on-Trent, Nottingham, Leicester, Portsmouth, Southampton, Plymouth, Torbay, Southend, Brighton with Hove and Thamesdown (Swindon). Although Dorset will retain a county council, Bournemouth and Poole will be unitary authorities. But the case for unitary status for the New Forest was "not sufficiently made out in a district which has more in common with the many districts recommended to remain in a two-tier structure", Mr Gummer said.

He announced earlier this month that he would be asking the Local Government Commission to reconsider the case for unitary authorities in 20 towns or districts. Yesterday, as well as putting a question mark over Rutland, he said he had added Norwich and Wrekin, Shropshire, to the list at Labour's request.

Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, welcomed the Commons statement, but added: "The changes that are now being proposed are changes to things the Tories got wrong in the past. What it boils down to is a recreation of county boroughs, which should never have lost their county borough status in the first place."

The task of completing the reorganisation of local government in shire England has been given to Sir David Cooksey, 54, a venture capital manager who has been chairman of the Audit Commission for eight years.

After his appointment as chairman of the Local Government Commission was announced yesterday, Sir David said his aim was to end local government "inconsistencies" he believed were put forward by Sir John Banham, who was also his predecessor at the Audit Commission. Sir John resigned earlier this month after Mr Gummer announced he would not accept many of his recommendations.

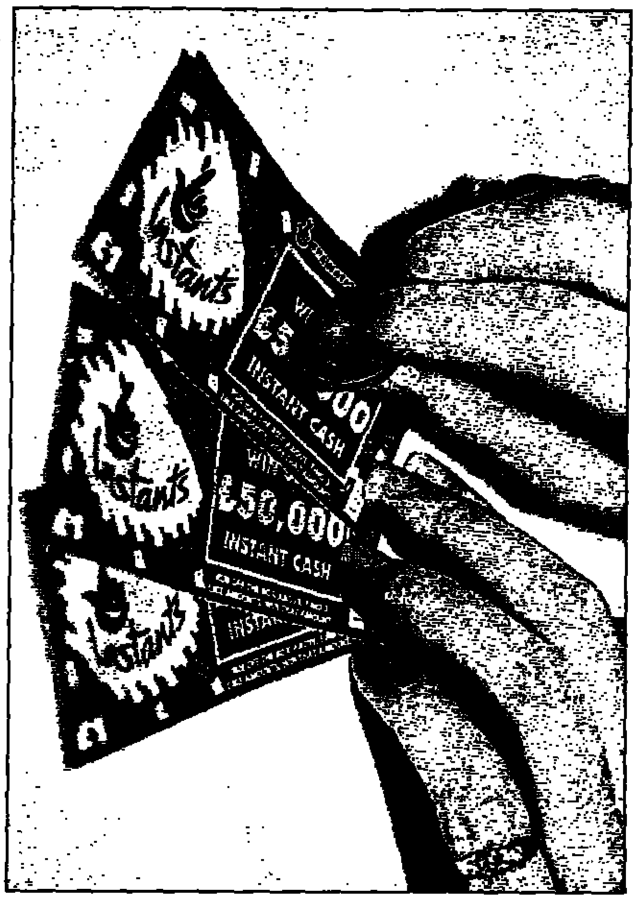
The Secretary of State told the Commons that Sir David had been given 12 months from July 1 to finish the reorganisation. The new chairman said, however, that he hoped to complete the review of the 23 areas awaiting a final decision by the end of this year.

"During the time that the reorganisation has been going on I have seen local government slipping backwards because people are not concentrating on providing the services," he said. "I want to work quickly to end the uncertainty so that people can get on with their job.

"Some of the old county boroughs, which used to run their own affairs, could work quite well on their own again. However I will take no decisions until I have had the chance to carry out a full consultation with everyone concerned. I am aware that there are likely to be pressures on me, but if you look at my record at the Audit Commission you will see that I am not the sort of person who will knuckle down to politicians."

Sir John last night advised his successor to listen to the people and not to politicians with vested interest. "I am sure he is sufficiently independent to do just that," he said.

Gummer: statement



Instants: sales of the £1 scratch-cards were short-lived

Computer fault hits lottery card

By Alexandra Frean and Marianne Darch

THE National Lottery's scratch-card competition got off to a disastrous start yesterday when the lottery computer failed and Camelot, the organiser, was forced to admit it did not know when "Instants" would be up and running.

The launch party, at London Zoo in the morning, had been attended by a host of sporting celebrities. Within hours, problems began to develop in the game's computer software and by midday most of the 10,000 scratch-card retailers were unable to sell them.

Last night Oflot, the National Lottery regulator, intervened for the first time since its launch 18 weeks ago and ordered Camelot to place advertisements in the national and regional press to explain the problem.

Peter Davis, the director-general, said he was concerned that people would not be able to claim their Instants prizes immediately because their tickets could not be validated.

David Rigg, director of communications for Camelot, explained that the £1 scratch-cards were marked with a security bar-code which had to be swiped through special terminals to validate them and to prevent fraud. The software failure "means that we cannot sell tickets," he said. "We do not know when it will be fixed."

Tatchell's 'fascist tactics' under fire from MPs

By Andrew Pierce and Nicholas Watt

SENIOR politicians launched their strongest attack last night on the "fascist" techniques of militant homosexuals who sent a letter to an Ulster Unionist MP urging him to "come out" only weeks before his death of a heart attack on Monday.

A letter was sent by recorded delivery, from the OutRage! organisation, to Sir James Kilfedder, the Popular Unionist MP, on January 28. Sir James, 66, died only hours after Peter Tatchell, the architect of the outing campaign, told BBC television that an Ulster Unionist MP had been sent a "come out" letter.

Edwina Currie, who led the unsuccessful Commons campaign for an equal age of consent for homosexuals, said: "Peter Tatchell is a fascist. The outing campaign is cruel, wicked and evil. He needs to be denounced by other gay people. He is making it harder for them to come out."

Sir James, a bachelor, voted for 21 as the homosexual age of consent last year. Mr Tatchell, the Labour candidate in Bermondsey in 1983, the party's worst post-war by-election performance, came out two months after the by-election. Mr Tatchell's "outing letter" led to the Bishop of London's statement on his "ambiguous" sexuality last week. The same letter has been sent to 19 other MPs whose names were culled from a list of 50 politicians who OutRage! believe to be gay. Many are married with children. The other 30 MPs may receive the same letters soon.

Dame Jill Knight, a member of the Tory 1922 committee, said: "I am devastated to think that Jim Kilfedder received that sort of letter a few weeks before he died. I can well believe that it could have been a contributory factor to his death. Anyone with any conscience should think long and hard before they send it to anyone else."

In a statement last night to *The Times*, Peter Tatchell said: "Over recent weeks OutRage! has been pressured by several journalists to out a Unionist MP. We have steadfastly refused to expose him. Throughout Monday some journalists were apparently telephoning a Unionist MP's office and falsely suggesting that OutRage! would reveal him to be a homosexual. Our letter to MPs was to encourage and support them to come out as homosexual of their own free will. We stressed that the choice was up to them."

The actor Michael Cashman, a leading member of Stonewall, the gay rights equality organisation, said: "Peter Tatchell is doing the work of the tabloids. He will not win support for the cause."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Major warns against sacking of teachers

John Major warned local authorities yesterday against sacking teachers as the Government's public sector pay policy came under seige. As teachers, parents and governors lobbied Parliament for more money to fund the 2.7 per cent teachers' pay award and said that 10,000 jobs could be axed, the Prime Minister brushed aside Tony Blair's call for ministers to intervene to help councils struggling to meet higher pay bills. Councils should cut administrative staff and not "single out teachers in the classroom", Mr Major said.

Health ministers found themselves under growing pressure from organisations representing hundreds of thousands of nurses and midwives angered by the offer of 1 per cent across the board and up to 2 per cent through local bargaining, but they insisted that the Government would not back down over its insistence that NHS staff negotiate local deals. Gerry Malone, the Health Minister, said he was concerned about the threat of industrial action by midwives, but that he would not backtrack.

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Sex change test case

A man who lost his job when he underwent surgery to become a woman launched a test claim at the European Court of Justice yesterday, accusing the Government of sexual discrimination. The transsexual, not identified, was a general manager with Cornwall County Council before being made redundant at the end of 1992. A ruling is expected later this year. An industrial tribunal has already ruled that transsexuals are not covered by the Sex Discrimination Act.

Bad tenants face eviction

Noisy council tenants could face eviction under legislation being prepared by the Government. The idea, being tested on an estate in Manchester, is included in an Environment Department consultation document due to be issued later this month. The document proposes that new tenants would receive a probationary lease as "a clear signal" that they could be evicted at short notice if they caused trouble. The document adds that a secure tenancy is an asset that should be earned.

Warsaw award challenge

A survivor of the Warsaw ghetto was wrongly awarded compensation over the Nazi destruction of her family's estates in Poland, solicitors acting for the German Government will argue today. Zofia Paprocki, 52, a Catholic nun with Jewish antecedents, of Cricklewood, north London, was granted an award estimated at £28 million last year. Legal representatives of the Bonn Government will argue at the High Court in London that the British court exceeded its jurisdiction.

DNA test 'trapped sailor'

DNA tests were used to trap a Royal Navy radio operator who subjected his male superior to a vicious sexual assault during a Nato posting to Portugal, a court martial at HMS Nelson in Portsmouth was told yesterday. Mark Tonks, 23, had denied all knowledge of the assault on the 33-year-old male petty officer but blood on his clothing allegedly matched that of his victim. He denies charges of causing grevious bodily harm and indecent assault. The hearing continues today.

Drug use in school rises

The drug agency Release receives 400 per cent more calls from pupils, teachers and parents who are worried about the use of drugs in the playground than two years ago. Speaking tonight on the television programme *Here and Now* (BBC1, 7.30pm), Sally Taylorson, Release spokeswoman, says that no school is unaffected by drugs. There are no official statistics but recent research shows that almost half of 15 and 16-year-olds have tried cannabis.

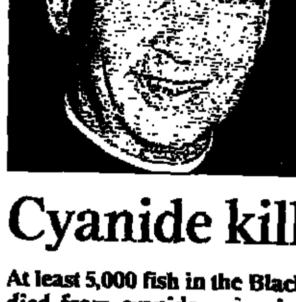
Bus driver cleared

The driver of a bus in which three Girl Guides and two of their leaders died after it struck a low bridge was yesterday cleared of dangerous driving by a jury at Glasgow Sheriff Court. Relatives of the girls wept and shouted abuse as Campbell Devlin, 30, was found guilty of the lesser charge of careless driving. Devlin, of Cathcart, Glasgow, was also cleared him of two charges relating to alleged tachograph defects. Sentence was deferred for social inquiry reports.

Prison record criticised

High levels of sick leave among staff at Shrewsbury prison are criticised in a report published yesterday by Judge Stephen Tumim, chief inspector of prisons. He found that, on average, almost 19 staff were absent every day in the 12 months before his inspection. His report says that, on one day, 22 of the 120 officers and three of the 23 senior officers were on sick leave. The figure was 370 per cent above the "target" set by the prison service. Judge Tumim called for more effective management.

Bishop of East Anglia



The Pope announced yesterday that Monsignor Peter Smith, left, is to be the new Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia. South London-born Mgr Smith, who at 51 will be the youngest diocesan bishop in England and Wales, will become spiritual head of 88,000 Catholics across the counties of Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk. At present he is in charge of St John's seminary at Wonersh, Surrey.

Cyanide kills 5,000 fish

At least 5,000 fish in the Blackwater River in Hampshire have died from cyanide poisoning. Thousands of gallons of the chemical leaked into the river through a road drain on the outskirts of Aldershot, according to the National Rivers Authority. NRA officials said yesterday that they had traced the source of the pollution to nearby industrial premises and had launched an investigation with a view to taking legal action. They could not yet name the company responsible.

Labour sets out to rock voters

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

LABOUR yesterday set out to woo the country from the back of a trailer with the help of an ageing rockband.

Billed as the "the biggest political crusade this country has ever seen", the Rolling Rose trailer, the brainchild of John Prescott, will tour for seven months. "A mixture of politics and fun rather than drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll," party officials explained.

Yesterday, at London's Hays Galleria, near Tower Bridge, the actor Richard Wilson was guest compere, doing a warm-up act on Michael Portillo's haircut. Shadow ministers were soon swaying to the Rolling Roses band. Four new party members were presented with giant party cards.

There were mixed reviews. Beccy Rena, 18, said: "Most young people are switched off by politics. At least Labour are making an effort.

☐ In the campaign for the local elections in England and Wales, Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, said the average council tax in Tory areas was £524, but £495 in Labour areas. Jeremy Hanley, the Tory chairman, said that in 1994-5 Labour councils cost a third more than Conservative councils.

Blair poll alert

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in making his opinions so publicly plain to the Shadow Cabinet, Mr Blair is trying to pre-empt that outcome. His expected remarks also seem intended to destabilise an already rattled Conservative parliamentary party. The fresh momentum on policy reflects fears that an easier-than-expected victory on Clause 4 could lead to a sense of drift in the party.

Sources close to Mr Blair confirmed last night that he believed that Mr Heseltine was at present best-placed to profit from the removal of Mr Major, and that he believed an immediate election would almost certainly result.

Mr Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, has been asked by Mr Blair to chair a new regional policy commission, in addition to his current duties of being in charge, along with Mr Blair, of party campaigns and overall strategy, co-ordinating the party's European efforts and "shadowing" Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman. The commission will carry out a cross-government audit of the costs of social division and develop a policy to make quangos more democratic. He will report directly to Mr Blair.

The new responsibilities are to be assumed immediately and confirm Mr Prescott, Mr Brown and Mr Cook as Mr Blair's leading lieutenants.

Mr Blair is planning to tell his colleagues that, in spite of Labour's current high popularity, complacency could still threaten election victory.

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1,000 jobs to go at PowerGen

By Philip Bassett
Industrial editor

THE privatised electricity generator PowerGen is to abolish up to a thousand jobs. The company disclosed the cuts as Ed Wallis, the chief executive, defended his salary and £1.2 million share options package and admitted that he had three other jobs paying an additional £36,000.

Sir Colin Southgate, company chairman, revealed the job cuts when the two were questioned by MPs on the Commons employment select committee. He gave no details of where the cuts, which will reduce the workforce to about 3,100, would fall.

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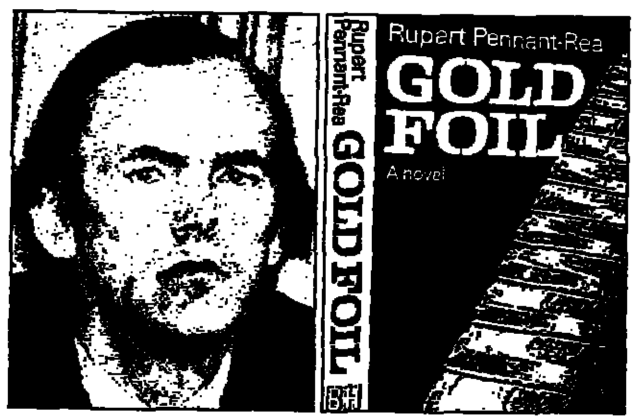
'Don't dump a financial journalist if you're deputy governor of the Bank. That's dumb'

Jilted mistress says banker promised to leave his wife

By Lin Jenkins



Rupert Pennant-Rea: his lover claims he based a character in his novel Gold Foil *on her*

KEN MASON

Mary Ellen Synon: "I'm not Sharon Stone, I'm really more like Miss Marple"

THE jilted mistress of Rupert Pennant-Rea yesterday defended her decision to disclose details of her affair with the deputy governor of the Bank of England, saying that he had turned "deadly and vicious" when the relationship ended.

Mary Ellen Synon opted for the course taken by many a scorned woman when her lover backed down on a promise to leave his third wife and make her the fourth Mrs Pennant-Rea.

Speaking on RTE radio in Dublin about her actions, she said: "If he had even been vaguely nice about this I would probably have cooled off in 20 minutes. But the fact that he was kind of deadly and vicious about it just made me very angry."

She said she had not wanted Mr Pennant-Rea to lose his job: "The thing is, I suspect he is very good at it." However, she had told her former lover that she was not prepared to conceal the truth once he ended the affair. "This thing has been in the rumour mill for at least the last year. I had told Rupert at the time when we broke up that I wasn't going to lie for him any more. I had three years of lying to all my closest friends.

"I said, 'Listen, from now on when my friends ask me why I burst into tears about three times a day I'm going to tell them and if it gets out that's your look out and I don't care who knows.' As far as I'm concerned this is public property now because it's had a terrible influence on my life. He started screaming and shouting that I mustn't tell anybody and I said, 'You can't tell me I have to lie for the rest of my life, you deal with it'."

Miss Synon, 44, a freelance journalist and Ireland correspondent for *The Economist*, first met Mr Pennant-Rea at Trinity College, Dublin, in the late 60s. In 1976 they had what she described as "our first encounter", when he was between his first marriage to Elizabeth Greer and his second to Jane Hamilton. "He seemed to have been very smitten," she recalled yesterday. Miss Synon said Mr Pennant-Rea had used her as the model for a character in his 1979 novel, *Gold Foil*, in which a senior official at the Bank of England has an affair with a journalist.

Miss Synon went to work as a reporter for *The Daily Telegraph* in the late 70s, leaving in 1980 for a spell in the United States before returning to Ireland as a columnist. She began working for *The Economist* in 1987 and embarked on her three-year affair with Mr Pennant-Rea in 1991 when, as editor of *The Economist*, he came to Dublin on business. There followed, she said, a deluge of love letters and telephone calls. "In the end he gave me his absolute word he was going to divorce his third wife, whom he married under most unfortunate circumstances. But it didn't happen." Miss Synon moved to London in 1992, but the relationship deteriorated when Mr Pennant-Rea was asked by Norman Lamont, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, to go to the Bank of England. She claimed yesterday that details of the affair emerged only when journalists turned up in Cork, where she lives. However, Miss Synon is thought to have taken her story to *The Guardian* last week, which declined to run it, before it appeared in the *Sunday Mirror*.

During their affair, she said, Mr Pennant-Rea used his official car to visit her house, where they made love, and she accompanied him on a business trip to the United States. They also made love on the floor of his office at the Bank. Miss Synon said she had been surprised by the colourful details of the affair as described in tabloid newspapers. "I mean, he is nearly 50, I'm 44. I get tired, he gets tired." References to her underwear in his letters have also caused embarrassment.

"It's stuff that shouldn't have seen the light of day. I'm not Sharon Stone, I'm really more like Miss Marple. It's wonderful what the male imagination does. I'm a monument to Damart."

She said that when the affair was finally over, a friend told her that Mr Pennant-Rea had apparently staggered on to a railway line with thoughts of suicide. He later turned up at her home. "It could have been a pantomime for my benefit but ... he's a very unhappy man."

Miss Synon tried to restore contact, but her attempt elicited a letter from his solicitor. Unhappy at his reaction, she contacted his second wife, Jane, with an offer to swear an affidavit about the alleged unhappiness in the Pennant-Rea home, knowing that the pair were in dispute over their children Emily and Rory.

She said yesterday that, because of his behaviour, Mr Pennant-Rea was perhaps not the best possible choice for his job at the Bank. "It showed very bad judgment, but the really dumb thing was being so vicious to the woman involved. If you're going to dump, don't dump a financial journalist if you're the deputy governor of the Bank of England. That's dumb."

Banker resigns, page 1

Surprise choice known for monetary caution

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

The Jay twins, Helen, right, and Catherine in 1985

RUPERT Pennant-Rea was a surprise choice for deputy governorship of the Bank of England, admitting at a press conference announcing his appointment in January 1993 that he had been "gobsmacked" when approached.

His departure from the Bank yesterday was just as sudden and came after criticism of his relationship with Mary Ellen Synon, 44, a freelance journalist.

Mr Pennant-Rea's appointment two years ago was seen as an attempt by John Major to mollify critics of the promotion of Eddie George from deputy to Governor. There had been pressure to appoint an outsider and Mr Pennant-Rea was seen as the choice of Sarah Hogg, Mr Major's policy adviser. Ms Hogg was also believed to be behind his appointment as editor of *The Economist*.

Born in Zimbabwe and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and Manchester University, he worked for the General and Municipal Workers' Union and moved to the Bank of England during the seventies, later worked as a policy adviser to the Social Democrats.

Despite his reputation as a maverick — he once called for the legalisation of cannabis and usually wears his woollen tank top — he had a cautious approach to central banking. He was seen as safe and reliable, intellectually cautious despite his spectacularly varied love-life and marital history.

Mr George handled external policy while Mr Pennant-Rea handled administration. He initiated a shake-up of the bank's organisation last year, taking unpopular decisions, such as ridding the Bank of its old international division. This year he began a review of personnel functions and he wanted to get rid of the "job for life" attitudes.

Helen, his third wife, put up a noble performance over the weekend, keeping cool while being pursued by journalists. She even served tea to reporters outside her home.

Helen Jay is the daughter of the former Labour Cabinet minister Baron Jay and sister of Peter Jay, the BBC's economics editor. She married Mr Pennant-Rea in 1986. She and her twin sister Catherine were rarely out of the gossip columns in the 1960s.

Last year Helen was quoted as saying she enjoyed "rather a jet set life" in the Swinging Sixties. The girls studied politics and sociology at Sussex University and Helen went into television, working as a researcher with Robin Day. There she met her first husband, David Kennard, a TV producer. They married in 1975.

She divorced him and married Mr Pennant-Rea five days after his divorce on the ground of his previous wife's adultery and two months before the birth of their son.

At the weekend she said she had known about the affair for a year. "It has been a question of waiting for a knock on the door," she said.

The letter of resignation

Dear Chancellor,

I have decided to resign. I do so with great regret, but I want to avoid the possibility of the Bank being damaged by some foolish mistakes that I made, albeit more than a year ago.

I took this job for two main reasons. First, because I dearly wanted monetary policy to escape from the cycle of inflationary fixes. I feel that as strongly as ever, and I am more optimistic about the chances of avoiding a serious error than I have been since I came to this country almost 30 years ago. In that crucial sense I have been privileged to be part of the approach to monetary policy that you and your predecessor have introduced.

Second, I thought that Britain would benefit from greater job mobility between the private and public sectors. I was, therefore, particularly grateful for the chance to make such a move. But I do know that many good people in the commercial world are put off by the tabloid intrusion into the private lives of those in public positions. After the events of the past few days, this reluctance to move will increase.

Montagu Norman once said "the dogs bark, but the caravan moves on". I'm sorry to be leaving it, but I wish you well.

Yours sincerely, Rupert

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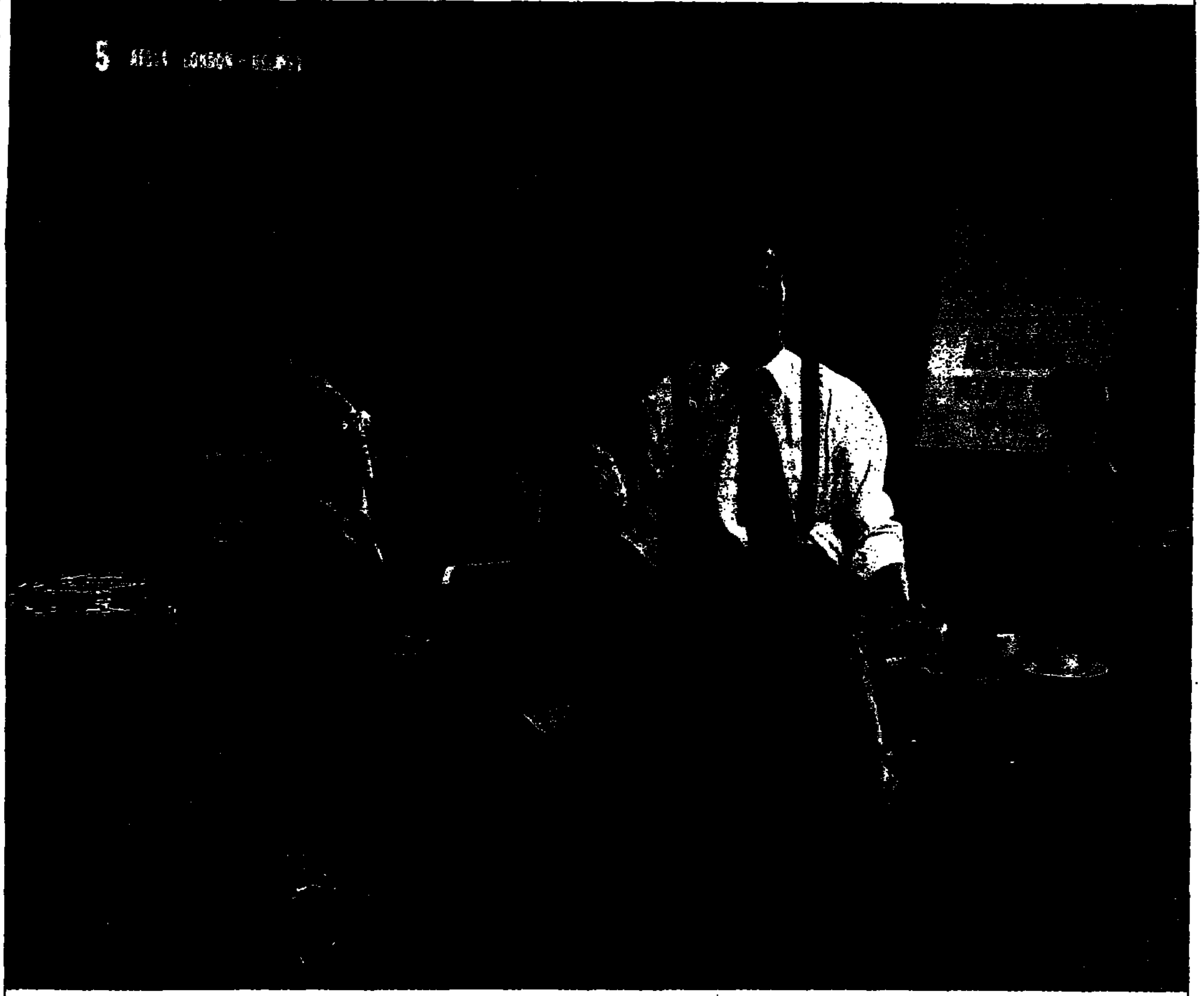

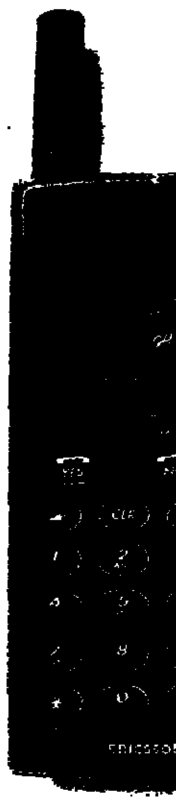

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Heads decry 35% fall in time spent on school sport

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

A 35 PER CENT cut in physical education in state secondary schools over the past four years is damaging Britain's chances of producing a healthy nation and of enjoying international sporting success, a report said yesterday.

Figures compiled by the Secondary Heads Association will give urgency to government plans to revive sport in schools. They show that Britain provides less physical education in school time than 13 other European countries, including Germany, France, Spain and The Netherlands.

Between 1990 and 1994, there was an average drop of eight minutes a week in time allotted to PE for 11-year-olds, six minutes for 12-year-olds and eight minutes in the 14-plus age group. Fourteen year-olds at independent schools spend an average of 49 per cent more school time on physical education.

Nigel Hook, of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said: "The report clearly shows how much everyone in PE and sport is awaiting the announcement of action from the Government. There is desperate shortage of PE teachers in state schools.

"It is important both for success in the Olympic Games and other leading international competitions and for the well-being of the nation that pupils get the necessary quality and quantity of physical education when they are young."

Eight per cent of head teachers at more than 1,000 schools surveyed believed there would be a further decrease in the amount of physical education when the National Curriculum was fully implemented. Only 3 per cent of schools believed there would be an increase.

John Sutton, the Secondary Heads Association's general secretary, said: "There is now an even greater workload on teachers. With the introduction of subjects such as technology, curriculum time has got to come from somewhere."

He said that some teachers were deterred from supervising sport for fear of being sued if there were a serious injury and others were put off by out-of-pocket expenses when taking teams away. However, he recognised that if teachers were to be paid for taking extra-curricular sport, then so should teachers who took other extra-curricular activities such as music and drama. He also hoped that when the Government announced its plans they would cater for all children, not simply for the most talented.

Parents and teachers join protest at Westminster

PARENTS, teachers and governors forged a national coalition against education cuts yesterday as union leaders switched their attention to winning spending increases for next year in the Chancellor's November Budget.

About 1,000 campaigners from across England and Wales lobbied their MPs after being courted by Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, and David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, at a glitzy Westminster rally organised by the three main classroom teaching unions.

Before the protest, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, admitted in a BBC radio interview that teachers would lose their jobs as a result of this year's cuts. But she insisted that some local education authorities would be able to maintain the present teaching force.

☐ Derbyshire education authority took control yesterday of Newbold Community School in Chesterfield, where all 18 governors resigned over budget cuts last week.

IAN WALDIE

Bill Millin playing a lament at the flower-covered grave of Lord Lovat, whom he piped into battle on D-Day

D-Day piper bids Lovat farewell

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

THE piper who played Lord Lovat into battle on D-Day yesterday piped a final farewell to the war hero as hundreds gathered for his funeral.

Bill Millin, 72, wore Second World War battledress to play at the graveside of the 24th clan chief of the Lovat Frasers, who died last week at the age of 83.

Mr Millin, from Devon, chose some of his old commander's favourite tunes including *Blue Bonnets O'er the Border*, which he played during the Normandy landing. "I wanted to play for him one last time. Only then could I be sure that he was really gone. Everyone respected him as a leader from the front who would do anything that you did," he said.

Estate workers in tweeds, Highlanders in kilts and old soldiers in uniform filled the chapel for the Requiem Mass in the tiny chapel of St Mary's at Eskadale, Inverness-shire. It was conducted by the Right Rev Mario Conti, Bishop of Aberdeen.

Lord Lovat's brother-in-law, the distinguished war veteran Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel, gave an emotional address. He told the congregation that the Germans had offered 100,000 deutschmarks for the capture of the Commando chief, dead or alive.

Sir Fitzroy said: "He was a leader who inspired total confidence and total devotion from those who served under him. He was a great chief of a great clan. He was much loved and will be much missed."

Bishop Conti described Lord Lovat as "a brave but gentle warrior" who epitomised all that was noble about his family but remained essentially humble.

Lord Lovat: great leader

The reading was given by Lord Lovat's heir, Simon Fraser, 18, who has become the 16th Baron Lovat. The mourners were led by Lord Lovat's widow Rosamond and included their daughters Fiona Allan and Tessa Keswick and sons Hugh and Kim. Kim Fraser, Lord Lovat's oldest surviving son, played a lament on the pipes as the mourners followed him from the church to the graveyard, where generations of Frasers lie.

Last year Lord Lovat's two other sons, Simon, Master of Lovat, and Andrew were buried in the graveyard. Andrew died on safari in Kenya after he was gored by a buffalo and Simon had a heart attack while hunting.

Lord Burton, Lady Cawdor and the former Energy Minister Lord Gray of Contin were among the mourners. Many expressed sadness that Lord Lovat had not lived to see the VE-Day celebrations later this year.

Messages of sympathy came from the village of Ouistreham, the first community liberated by the allied troops on D-Day, and from the Normandy Veterans Association. A memorial service will be held in London later this year.

Greer: suggested register

Internet register of rapists proposed by Greer

By Emma Wilkins

A REGISTER of convicted rapists could be posted on the Internet and sent to 80 million users throughout the world, computer law experts said yesterday.

The idea was envisaged by Germaine Greer, who in *The Guardian* on Monday gave a personal account of rape as a 19-year-old in Australia. Arguing that rapists were invariably recidivist, Ms Greer, 56, said she had been considering a register as a way of alerting women to men who had raped.

"For a long time I have considered the possibility of a rapists' register, on the Internet maybe. Can the Internet be sued for libel?" Ms Greer wrote. While the Internet does not have a legal persona, users are subject to existing national laws on libel, pornography and copyright. Although it would be impossible to sue the system, individuals committing libel over the network can be sued if traced.

Stephen Saxby, senior lecturer in information-technology law at Southampton University, said details of convicted rapists were public knowledge and could be posted on the Internet in the same way that they can be printed in newspapers. Libel would become an issue only if men never charged were named or innocent individuals with the same name as rapists were posted by mistake.

While the principle may be sound, the process could create technical problems, Mr Saxby said. "Someone would have to take responsibility for the list to make sure people who died or had spent convictions were removed from it."

While information held on computer is bound by the Data Protection Act, the legislation would not prevent a rapists' register, according to Francis Pritchard, a specialist in computer law at Durham University.

"If a person felt they had been libelled by their name appearing on the list, I am not sure that the Data Protection Act could help them," he said. "The only requirements under the Act are that the information has been obtained fairly, which would apply in the case of court records.

"There also has to be a reasonable explanation for holding it, which would apply in the case of convicted criminals," he added.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pilot dies as light aircraft crashes

A pilot died but wider casualties and destruction were averted when a light aircraft skimmed house roofs before crashing yesterday.

A warehouse in a disused glassworks was destroyed when the Cessna 150 caught fire at Knottingley, West Yorkshire. According to witnesses, the plane just missed houses on the Warwick estate before coming down, police said. It clipped the tops of trees, shedding wreckage into a children's playground, which was empty.

Al Fayed action

Mohamed Al Fayed, the Egyptian-born chairman of Harrods, yesterday launched a legal challenge to the refusal of the Home Office to grant him and his brother British citizenship earlier this month. He says the decision was political.

Drug appeal

Parke Davis, maker of Tacrine, the only drug known to be effective against Alzheimer's disease, is to challenge a government decision not to grant it a licence. The drug, licensed in France and America, gives modest improvement but serious side effects.

Ferry charges

Four companies are to be prosecuted over a ferry walkway collapse that killed six people at Ramsgate, Kent, in September. The port authority, two Swedish ferry operators and Lloyd's Register of Shipping will face charges in Ramsgate on July 18.

Oil spill salvage

Marine salvage companies recovered 1.25 million tons of oil from 14 stricken tankers last year — equivalent to 33 times the amount spilt from the *Exxon Valdez* in Alaska in 1989 — the London-based International Salvage Union said yesterday.

Van hits children

Nine children were hurt, one seriously, when a van ran into a group of pupils on their way to school. The children were waiting to cross a main road at Tingley near Leeds when the van mounted the pavement after a collision with a car.

Ringing changes

Bell ringers at St Michael's Church, Minehead, Somerset, are using a computerised simulator that allows them to practise unheard by neighbours. With the real bells muffled, when a rope is pulled the simulator emits the sound of a recorded bell.

Flying visit

A Kent policeman who took a deportee to Heathrow found himself on a flight to Zimbabwe when the pilot refused at the last minute to accept the man unaccompanied. PC Jason Cockett, 29, who warned his wife he would be delayed, returned 32 hours later.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Myths and facts surrounding the loss of nails

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

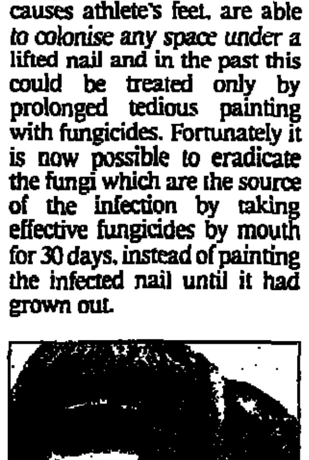
STEPHEN STEWART, who led the team that prosecuted Odette Churchill's jailers at Ravensbrück, told me this week that he was outraged by recent suggestions that there was no evidence that the Resistance heroine's toenails had been pulled out by her torturers.

Mr Stewart saw her feet for himself at the time and remembers the terrible state they were in. Odette, a star witness, was able to walk only with modified shoes and was too proud to be seen with a stick in the witness box. Mr Stewart said that anyone who knew the frail but spiritually tough Odette in 1945 would have been surprised that she lived to be 82. "I've never known anyone like her. Her style and integrity made for an exceptional personality despite her frailty."

Odette's case illustrates one of the minor myths of medicine. Patients are frequently told that when a nail has to be removed, the skin of the nail bed will soon harden up and become as serviceable as a nail. This may occasionally happen, but most people have to watch the way they walk in the months it takes for a nail to regrow.

In the embryo, nails are present from the third intrauterine month onwards. After birth, fingernails grow four times faster than toenails but there are wide variations between different people, nails, nutrition and times of the year. Surprisingly, there is no difference between the right and left hand, but nails grow faster in those people who have longer fingers. The thumb nail grows about 1½ in a year, 20 per cent faster in the summer than winter. Activity speeds nail growth: nailbiting is particularly effective and can accelerate growth by up to 20 per cent. Warm, bandaged nails grow fast, while those on splinted, unbandaged fingers or feet grow slowly. Illness slows growth and produces the characteristic transverse ridges.

Nails frequently need surgical removal to treat a persistent perfection under them. Squash players and joggers are among those who frequently develop a distinctive pattern of damage to their nail beds so that the nails become lifted from the bed and thereafter blackened and thickened. The harm is done by the repeated minor trauma of vigorously exercised toes hitting the front of the shoes. Fungi, often of the variety that causes athlete's feet, are able to colonise any space under a lifted nail and in the past this could be treated only by prolonged tedious painting with fungicides. Fortunately it is now possible to eradicate the fungi which are the source of the infection by taking effective fungicides by mouth for 30 days, instead of painting the infected nail until it had grown out.



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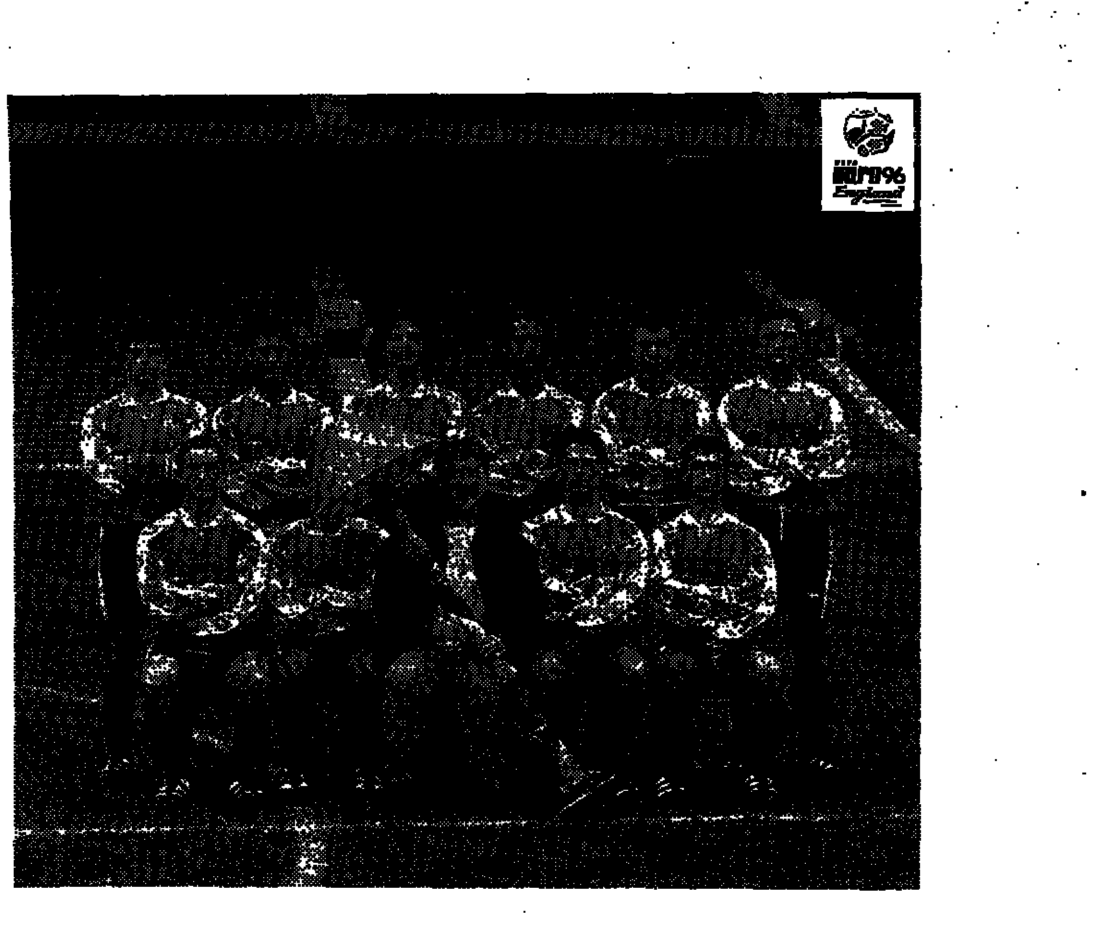

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'I feel foolish, guilty and embarrassed. I know I have damaged Mrs A and her family'

Village doctor struck off after passionate affair

By A Staff Reporter

A VILLAGE GP was struck off the medical register yesterday for an affair with a married patient.

A disciplinary hearing was told that Dr Keith Pilsworth, 48, began the affair with the mother of three, known as Mrs A, after two of her children were in a road crash and her husband was treated for stress at the practice.

Dr Pilsworth, who works in a Lincolnshire village of 1,800 people, where a thousand villagers signed a petition appealing for him to keep his job, told the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee that he had been acting under stress. "I bitterly regret the relationship I had with Mrs A. I feel foolish, guilty and embarrassed. I know I have damaged Mrs A and her family and that I have hurt my wife and my family. I have let down the medical profession. I can only apologise."

Dr Pilsworth, who admitted having an affair with Mrs A between October 1993 and February 1994, said that Mrs A made the first moves and that he was vulnerable because he was having difficulties in his practice. He was found guilty of serious professional misconduct.

The hearing was told that in September 1993 Mrs A consulted Dr Pilsworth about Aids and he lent her a book. Dr Pilsworth realised he was attracted to Mrs A and arranged to meet her at a nursing home. Malcolm Fortune, for Dr Pilsworth, said: "Sexual intercourse was attempted but they had to stop when somebody started knocking on the door."

Dr Pilsworth told Mrs A to book the last appointment at his surgery the following day and she turned up at 7.10pm. The doctor had given her husband a vasectomy in January 1993 but because she was still fertile she offered to go back on the Pill. He wrote her a prescription.

The couple first had full sexual intercourse on November 2, in the back of car in a layby outside Lincoln. "A passionate and intense sexual relationship developed," Mr Fortune said. The following month they booked an hotel room in Lincoln and he gave Mrs A, a theatrical agent, £200 for food and champagne.

On another occasion Dr Pilsworth arranged a hospital examination for Mr A, who was being treated while his wife and the doctor were in the couple's matrimonial bed.

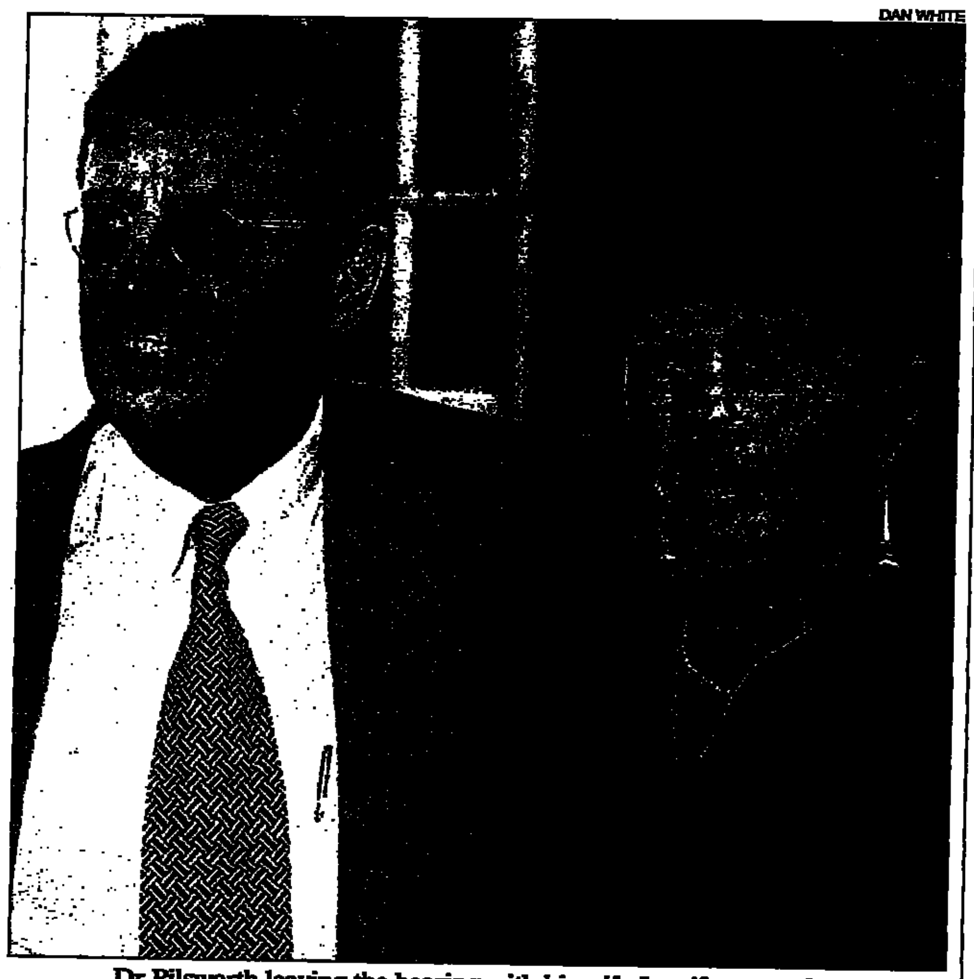
On Dr Pilsworth's 47th birthday, December 21, 1993, Mrs A placed a message in the personal column of *The Daily Telegraph*. It read: "Three years from today you will be fifty and I will still love you." Three weeks later Dr Pilsworth opened a joint bank account with £500 to help Mrs A "with her expenses".

Mr A became suspicious of his wife when she bought new underwear and began walking their dog early in the morning. It later transpired that Dr Pilsworth went jogging at those times. Mr A searched his wife's belongings and found aftershave, champagne, hotel receipts and an empty contraceptive packet. He also found a film which he had developed and saw photographs of his wife and the doctor in a state of undress.

Rosalind Foster, for the council, said that Mr A confronted Dr Pilsworth at his surgery on January 21, 1994. He admitted his behaviour was unprofessional and unethical. The affair ended after Mrs Pilsworth visited the couple's home.

Ms Foster said that Mr A felt he could not forgive his wife and moved out in May, intending a divorce. Unpleasant leaflets were circulated in the village about the affair. Mrs A became severely depressed and had to be treated with anti-depressants. A rift developed between her and her mother.

Mr and Mrs A are now reconciled. They sat in the public gallery holding hands throughout the hearing.


DAN WHITE

Dr Pilsworth leaving the hearing with his wife Jennifer yesterday

Player tells of hardship after wife's dismissal

By Michael Evans

THE England rugby player Rory Underwood told an industrial tribunal yesterday of the hardship his family suffered after his wife was dismissed from the RAF for becoming pregnant.

Wendy Underwood, a former flight lieutenant, is suing the Ministry of Defence for unfair dismissal, claiming sex discrimination. She and her husband, a Hawk jet pilot based at RAF Finningley, South Yorkshire, now have two daughters.

Underwood told the tribunal in Nottingham: "She had a very good life in the Service with plenty of friends. She was very content with her life." However, after she was dismissed from her £17,000-a-year job as a flight controller, their joint income fell by half.

"We had to tread carefully," Underwood said. "We had been used to a reasonable income and then it was slashed by half with a child on the line. We went through a period which was difficult." The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Boy stays in care at end of abuse case

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

ONE of the eight children at the centre of the Ayrshire child abuse case was granted his wish not to returned to his parents yesterday. A court in Edinburgh was told that the nine-year-old boy, who was removed from his family five years ago, has become so attached to his care workers that he wants to stay at the residential home where he has been living since 1990.

Scotland's senior judge, Lord Hope, sitting with Lord Allanbridge and Lord Mayfield at the Court of Session, extended the care order on the boy and his two younger brothers, known as family "F", for another eight weeks.

The two younger children, aged 5 and 7, have been successfully reintroduced to their family and will remain at home with their parents. Lord Hope explained that it was important to treat the "F" children as a family unit and all three remain subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

The eight children, from three closely related families, were removed from their homes in Ayrshire five years ago amid allegations of satanic and ritual abuse. Last month the court ruled that the removal of the children was not lawful and ordered their return home.

The court heard yesterday that four of the children, three girls and a boy known as the "L" family, had been successfully reunited with their parents. The judges ruled that these children should be legally handed back to their parents, effectively ending the role of the courts in the case.

The eighth child to be taken from her family, a 15-year-old only child, was reunited with her parents last month.

The court will meet again on May 16 to review the case of the "F" family.

Cobain, left, and James

Pop paper responds to fans' cry of grief

By Dalya Alberge

THE rock and pop newspaper *Melody Maker* is linking with The Samaritans to console teenage readers over the loss of two of their heroes.

Kurt Cobain of the band Nirvana shot himself last year and Richey James of the Manic Street Preachers, whose depression drove him to self-mutilation, has been missing since last month in circumstances that suggest suicide. *Melody Maker*, whose 80,000 readers are mostly aged 16 to 25, has been inundated with letters from young people whose feelings mirror the depression suffered by Cobain and James.

Andrew Mueller, of *Melody Maker* described the letters as "grief-stricken and tormented". Some fans write of taking their lives or mutilating themselves. Half a dozen around the world have committed suicide over Cobain's death and a girl aged 17 from Swinton, South Yorkshire, went missing on March 3, "deeply upset" over James's disappearance.

Mr Mueller said next week's issue would carry extracts from some letters and a feature on The Samaritans, detailing its number and services. He said *Melody Maker* felt a responsibility to its readers: its letters page, he said, had begun to read more like an agony column than a pop paper.

Woman crippled by rescue boat

By A Staff Reporter

A SURVIVOR of the *Marchioness* disaster spoke yesterday of how, at the moment of rescue, she was disabled for life by a police boat whose propeller "chopped up" her leg.

Jackie James, 62, a Tarot card reader who is now wheelchair-bound, told the Hammersmith inquest into the tragedy in August 1989, in which 51 people died, that she had been on the pleasureboat on the Thames in central London, having been invited to a party. "You go out a middle-aged and happy person and you come home an elderly cripple," she said.

The dredger *Bowbelle* hit the *Marchioness* with "an awful crunch", near where she was sitting with her cards, and the front of the *Bowbelle* came through the window. Other windows burst and water gushed in. In the dark, people floundering under the water were grabbing her dress, which was torn from her. She was swept out and shouted for [illegible] woman as she could not swim. "I kept hearing Big Ben chiming and it sounded further away each time. I thought we would be swept out to sea and never be heard of again."

Eventually, her companion shouted: "There's a boat. We are safe." — but then "They haven't seen us." Ms James said: "The boat hit me in the face and knocked my teeth out. I rolled under the boat and my leg got chopped up in the propeller of the boat." It was a police patrol boat. One of the officers managed to pull her over the side, but she was swept against a bridge before she was safely on board.

Ms James said that, on the boat, she and her companion and another woman were screaming and being sick. She said that she was shivering and asked for a blanket but they had not got one. "I was naked and I was cold. They didn't have their jackets because it was a hot night and they didn't offer me a shirt." The inquest continues.

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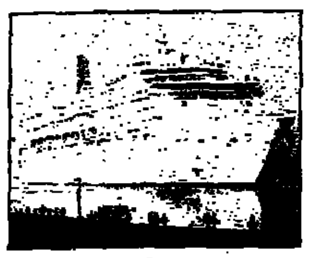
Ocean liner cuts it fine as Germans hold up handover

By Harvey Elliott
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE pride of the British cruise fleet, built in Germany at a cost of more than £200 million, is racing against time and the weather to keep an appointment with the Queen and 2,000 passengers.

Oriana, due to be handed over to P&O on Friday, will be a week late after problems with the propellers and electronics. Meyer Werft, the German company that built the 69,153-ton ship, has told P&O that vital sea trials on the complex electronics systems have not been completed and her giant propellers will need modifications followed by yet further sea trials. It will now be "the second half of next week" before the shipbuilders are able formally to hand over the vessel at Emden.

The *P&O* crew will then rush the ship to Southampton where, a week later on April 6, the Queen is due to name her before a thousand invited guests. The maiden voyage, sold out for months, is scheduled for April 9.



The *Oriana*

The sea trials require calm seas, but the London Weather Centre said yesterday that gales in the Skagerrak channel between Norway and Denmark where the ship will be put through her paces could intensify to force 8.

P&O had hoped to avoid the embarrassing debacle that surrounded the £30 million refit of its arch rival, Cunard's *QE2*. The delay has already led to the cancellation of a number of "open days" planned for next week at which it was hoped to show off *Oriana* to the travel trade.

Oriana is the first liner to be specifically built for the British cruise market and the latest technology has been fitted alongside sumptuous cabins and interiors hung with nearly 3,000 works of art.

She is the fastest liner built for 25 years, with an operating speed of 24 knots. A crew of 760 will look after 1,975 passengers in 914 cabins, eight suites, 16 deluxe staterooms and 94 staterooms.

More than 13,000 passengers are booked for the 17 cruises planned for the first year of operation, including 60 who have signed up to sail around the world in 90 days at up to £32,280 a head.

Gwyn Hughes, P&O's managing director, said: "I am sure we can still make it. So far everything has gone even better than we expected, especially the rough weather trials in which she performed really well. All the interiors are now virtually finished and are completely on schedule. We are now waiting for the German yard to tell us exactly when we can take delivery."

FERNANDO SEPE Jr

Nigel Gatward is taken to jail after being convicted of attempting to smuggle heroin

Briton fights drug verdict

By Abbi Tan in Manila and Kathryn Knight

A BRITON jailed for 35 years in the Philippines for trying to smuggle heroin is protesting his innocence.

Nigel Gatward, who is married with two daughters, wept as he was convicted in Manila yesterday of transporting more than five kilograms of heroin. He claims he was the victim of a bag switch and has appealed.

Gatward, a salesman from Clapham, south London, narrowly missed receiving the death penalty. A Burmese man charged with him was jailed for 25 years.

Speaking from his cell in a detention centre in Pasay City, Gatward said police blunders had led to his arrest last August as he was about to fly to Amsterdam via Bangkok at the end of a business trip. "I thought I was going to be acquitted ... However, I am hopeful and positive that this will get sorted out," he said. "Tell my family not to worry and that I love them very much." The appeal procedure could take up to two years.

MEDIA FILE

Where action on PC should begin and end

Brenda Maddox

IT'S official: PC has arrived in Britain. This month Lady Howe, who basks in the title of "chair" of the Broadcasting Standards Council, called for television to show more women "at decision-making levels" on television, and fewer in the nude.

She can't accuse the BBC of not trying. Not only has it adopted a revised vocabulary of acceptable terminology — "manning" is out: "staffing" is in — but on April 27, the corporation will hold its second "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" to encourage girls, whose academic success "is not being translated into the work place".

It may be some comfort that things are much worse across the Atlantic, the home of political correctness. Poor Yale, that great university located somewhere between Boston and New York, has had to turn down a gift of $20 million because the donor wanted to endow a chair of western civilisation and the prevailing ethos forbids ranking any culture as superior to any other just because it boasts a lot of dead white European males like Shakespeare, Milton, Rousseau and Beethoven.

And Harvard, Yale's rival, cannot laugh. I attended a lecture not long ago in which a famous classicist discussed Greek lyric poets with special reference to the Sioux and the Navaho.

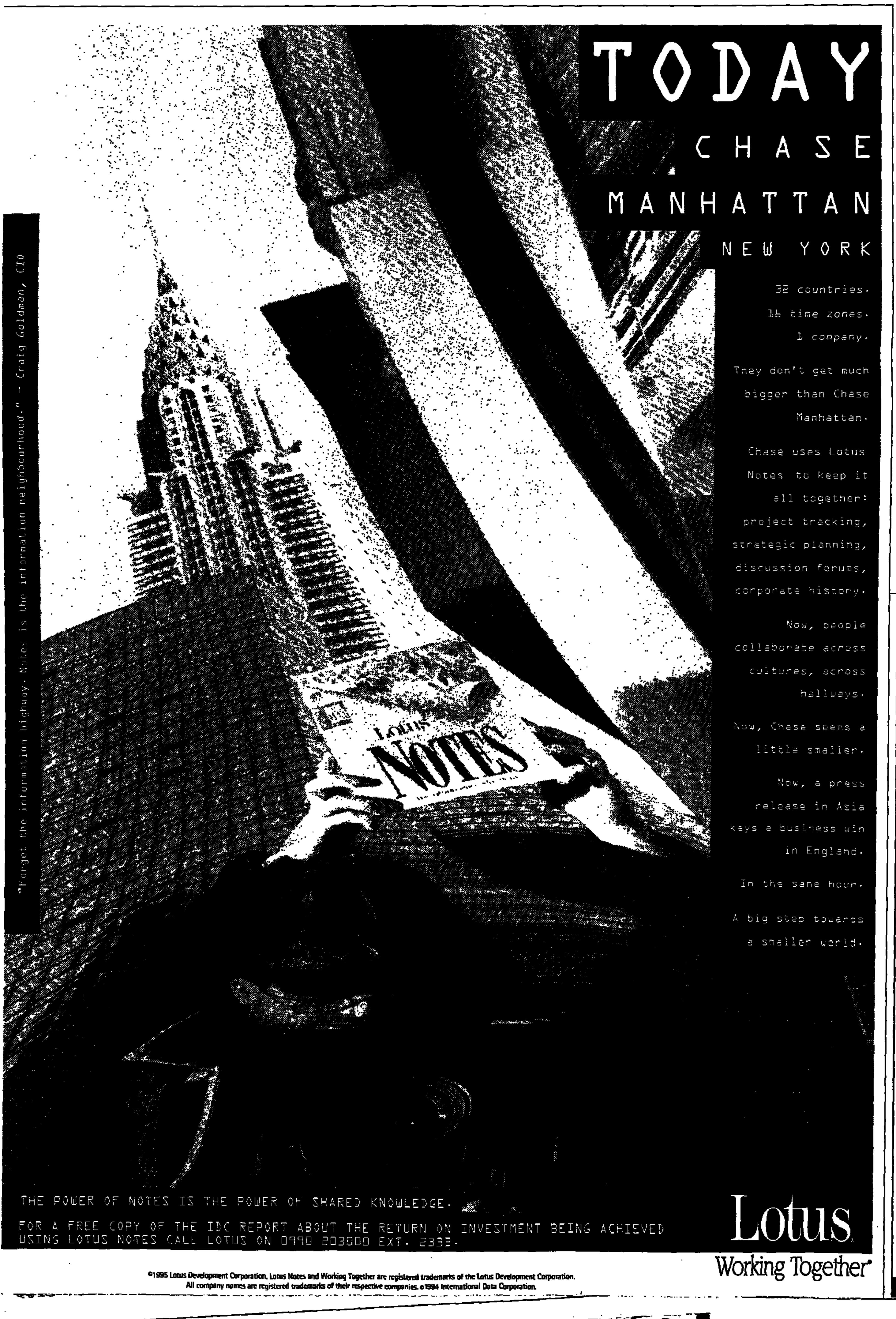
The full horrors of American political correctness cannot repeat themselves here. In Britain, the English language has a somewhat better hold and is less vulnerable to elements of refurbishment. Also there is no written Constitution. The same document that has enabled the United States to knit together diverse peoples and cultures now guarantees each tiny subgroup the right not to be offended.

American publishers are terrified of overlooking the sensibilities of any interest group. For the American edition of my recent biography of D.H. Lawrence, the New York copy-editor struck out the phrase "passive homosexual": homosexuals would argue that there was no such thing. Any reference to "Indians" made her very unhappy, and "Red Indians" (as Lawrence called them) was worse. She even altered (*until I altered it back*) the description of an Australian crowd composed of "Irish, socialists and communists" to "Irish people" on the ground that "Irish" sounds, you know, racist. But I accept that many of the linguistic changes are necessary. I don't like the clumsy "he or she", but to use "he" as the collective pronoun for both sexes simply perpetuates the subordination of women. Similarly, I accept that words such as "cripple" and "midget" should go the way of "nigger" and "dago".

My bet is that in 20 years American PC will be seen as a temporary aberration in the same way we regard Prohibition and McCarthyism. Even now, its thought-control aspects are probably exaggerated. In Britain the residue will probably be a long overdue widening of the chance to participate in public life, and the discarding of a few gratuitously offensive phrases. I do hope PC will end at that.

Mirren returns in prime ITV role

GRANADA'S award-winning detective series starring Helen Mirren, *Prime Suspect*, is returning in three two-hour episodes (Alexandra Frean writes). ITV's spring and summer schedule, announced yesterday, also features a six-part Lynda La Plante prison series, *The Governor*, starring Janet McTeer; Lucy Gannon's *Bramwell*, with Jemma Redgrave battling to become a surgeon in Victorian England; and Susan Lynch and Sheila Hancock in *Dangerous Lady*, about gangsters in 1960s London.



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Minister defends record on curbing Euro-subsidy fraud

By Alice Thomson and James Landale

BRITAIN is at the forefront of the battle against farm subsidy fraud and has initiated the "huge shift" away from mounting EU spending on agriculture. William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, told the Commons last night.

Opening the debate on farm prices and the common agricultural policy (CAP), Mr Waldegrave refused to agree with demands to scrap the system, but said that it had to be reformed. He recalled that between 1974 and 1979 the CAP budget had gone up 10 per cent a year in real terms. Between 1979 and 1994 it had risen by just 2.2 per cent a year and barely at all between 1988 and 1994.

"These figures reflect the beginning of a huge shift in the cost and direction of the CAP in which no one either here or in Europe, would deny for one moment that Britain has been the prime mover," he said.

Mr Waldegrave said he was convinced that farmers could do an even better job for the consumer if they could compete more freely in a world where there were fewer subsidies, fewer constraints on production and more freedom for enterprise. Reforms agreed for the CAP in 1992 had reduced stockpiles and costs of the CAP by about £8 billion — £1 billion

DEBATE

of that gain coming to Britain, Mr Waldegrave said.

The Euro-sceptic MP Tony Marlow (C, Northampton N) complained that British farmers were not getting as good a deal from the EU as farmers from other states. He asked: "Why is it that our farmers get the stick all the time and all the other European farmers appear to get away with murder?"

Mr Waldegrave denied that British farmers were getting a raw deal but gave a warning that Europe had to "ratchet down further the cost of the policy" before Central and Eastern Europe could join.

He also called for a tougher action against fraud. "This fight against fraud is one we must vigorously sustain," he said, adding that the Government had been pressing the European Commission to disallow expenditure "improperly incurred" by member states. "As a result, the Commission disallowed a total of 1.4 billion ecu — about £1.2 billion — for 1991, the last year for which decisions have been taken. This represents nearly 5 per cent of CAP expenditure."

The motion before the House congratulated the Government for its "robust" stance on the CAP since 1979 and for its "leading role in achieving reform of the CAP, its continuing pressure for further radical reform and its determination to ensure that EU agricultural spending is effectively restrained".

Gavin Strang, Shadow Agriculture Minister, said that this was "an insult to the intelligence of the House of Commons". He contradicted Mr Waldegrave's claims that agricultural spending was being restrained, saying instead that it was "ratcheting up year in, year out".

Agricultural expenditure had risen by 180 per cent since 1979, and would amount to £30 billion this year. "The CAP continues to fail consumers and the Government is not doing enough to rectify that."

Fraud in the EU would only be cut if huge agricultural subsidies were scrapped. "We want an end to state intervention buying of agricultural commodities, an end to the subsidising of agricultural support," Mr Strang said. "If we did that we would really be tackling fraud. Get rid of the CAP and you get rid of fraud."

The Tory Euro-rebel Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW) attacked the CAP as an "utter nonsense and distortion" but said that Labour's proposals would need even more money spent on agriculture.

Squabbling towards a common objective

The Commons debate on the common agricultural policy yesterday was a nonsense. It was one of those exercises in hypocrisy and exaggeration that so discredit Parliament and give other European countries the impression that Britain is more concerned with internal party battles than with exercising influence within the EU.

Reform of the CAP is an important subject, and William Waldegrave and Gavin Strang, his Labour shadow, addressed it seriously. But it has received much more attention than the usual debate each year on farm prices. This is not because of popular fascination with the subject but because it provided Labour with another opportunity to highlight Tory divisions, in the hope of prolonging the exile of the nine Tory whipless ones.

All recent European debates have in one sense really be about the internal state of the Tory party, yet there have been differences of substance over, for example, the social chapter or monetary union. But yesterday's debate magnified differences where there are, in practice, very few. The main parties, indeed virtually all MPs, agree on the need to reduce the proportion of the European Budget spent on the CAP. The Government motion and the various amendments by the opposition parties were all along the same lines, urging reform and value for money, with the exception of the Euro-rebels' demand for repatriation of agricultural support to member states. The amendments all said "we would try harder": Labour's typically argued that "the Government is not doing enough to make fundamental changes to an unacceptable policy".

Such protests are the prerogative of opposition parties without the responsibilities and constraints of government. But it is absurd to claim that a change of party in power could suddenly produce radical reform of the CAP. The Tories have been trying, as Labour did before 1979, to control the growth of spending on the CAP. They have achieved a number of successes, both during Baroness Thatcher's premiership and, more recently, by backing the agriculture provisions in the Uruguay Round trade agreement. Overproduction has been substantially reduced in many areas and export subsidies are being reduced.

But these deals have all involved lengthy and tortuous negotiations. There is no simple solution. It is a matter of balancing strongly entrenched vested interests in countries which benefit substantially from the CAP.

It is all very well to complain about the squandering of vast amounts of money in fraud. It obviously exists but no British Government has the power to end fraud in, say, Greece or Italy. The more subtle Labour response is to argue that the Tories have failed to achieve all they could because their general European approach has made it hard to create the necessary alliances with other countries to push reform. Perhaps. But few other European socialist parties are as enthusiastic for change as Labour is.

The strongest long-term force for further CAP reform is enlargement of the EU to the east, as ministers optimistically point out. If the CAP included Poland and Hungary, production would increase, thus exacerbating the problem of food surpluses in Europe and sharply increasing the programme's costs. Jackie Gower argues in one of a new series of discussion papers — published by the European Commission's London office and the Centre for European Union Studies at Hull University — that, while this would force CAP reform back on the agenda, "it may yet again prove politically impossible to take a rational decision and abandon it or fundamentally reform it".

There is no real alternative to the hard bargaining approach of all the main parties. It is dishonest for any opposition party to pretend that it could achieve a breakthrough that has somehow eluded the Tories.

PETER RIDDELL

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Blair heads for moral high ground

By Nicholas Wood

TONY BLAIR will make an audacious attempt to steal the Tories' clothes tonight by claiming that Labour is now the only party that understands the traditional virtues of duty and service to the community.

Delivering *The Spectator* lecture in London, the Labour leader will claim that under John Major the Tories have lost their moral compass and no longer appreciate their wider obligations to society. Exploiting Tory difficulties over "sleaze" and excessive pay and perks packages, he will accuse the Government of straining the social fabric and creating an underclass.

"In the 70s and 80s, the Tories regarded duty as their own intellectual and political property. In the 90s they seem neither to understand it or act upon it ... Duty is an essential Labour concept," he will say.

Howard tries to calm Tory election jitters

By James Landale, Political Reporter

MICHAEL HOWARD contradicted yesterday the assertion by Kenneth Clarke that the "feel-good" factor would not be felt for at least two years. The Home Secretary said that people would begin to feel the benefits of Britain's economic well-being "well before the next election".

Last week Mr Clarke, the Chancellor, angered many on the Tory Right by making a pessimistic assessment of the economy's fortunes. He said: "I personally accept that people aren't going to feel more secure, more comfortable . . . for another two years at least."

Mr Howard said that Britain was experiencing a remarkable combination of low inflation, increasing productivity and steady growth. "But it's taking some time for people to appreciate the meaning of that achievement."

There would be no single moment when people could sit up and say that the "feel-good" factor had arrived. "It will be gradual as people recognise the increase in economic activity," he said. His comments will be seen as an attempt to placate the fears of many Tory MPs that the benefits of economic recovery will not be felt in time for the general election, which must be held before May 1997.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Education ministers and the Prime Minister; statement by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, on local government reorganisation; debate on EU report on Common Agricultural Policy price proposals. In the Lords: the Pensions Bill, third reading.

TODAY in the Commons: from 10am, debates on the Falkland Islands, funding of Training and Enterprise Councils, airport-related housing in Uttlesford, advertising of manufactured baby milk, and prescription of Septrin. From 2.30pm, questions to Scottish Office ministers, the Jobseeker's Bill, report stage. In the Lords: debates on United Nations and on international investment in UK science.

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Castle: suggested radical CAP reform 14 years ago

Brussels follows Britain's lead on need for farm policy reform

From Wolfgang Münchau in Brussels

ONE of the few areas of European policy in which Britain may be winning a key argument is the need to reform Europe's common agricultural policy (CAP).

British Labour MEPs, who form the majority of the Socialist grouping, the largest in the European Parliament, are among the keenest reformers. But their enthusiasm has not always been shared by their continental colleagues. Now the differences have become blurred and the remaining divisions over reform have less to do with party affiliation than with nationality. The Irish are generally more sceptical, for electoral reasons.

It was Baroness Castle of Blackburn, who, as a Labour MEP, suggested probably the most radical reform 14 years ago. Her proposals would effectively have scrapped price support in favour of direct income subsidies. The MacSharry reform of 1992, the most far-reaching so far to overhaul CAP excesses, went some way in that direction.

A Socialist spokesman said yesterday that the need for substantial reform was universally accepted. He described the present system as the "greatest incentive for fraud in Western Europe".

The catalyst for increasing support for reform is the proposed enlargement of the European Union to include Central and Eastern Europe and the realisation that the Union's budget cannot cope with extending the existing support mechanisms to a future EU of 27 to 30 members.

A second political factor favouring CAP reform is the changed outlook in Germany. In a detailed report calling for urgent reform of the agricultural policy, Denis MacShane, a Labour MP, writes: "Although it is French farmers who engage in the most high-profile wrecking exercises, it is Germany which has proved the most hardline defender of price support and which has repeatedly prevented substantial reform. Germany's self-image is of the industrial world-beater, but it has been happy to conceal its agricultural interests behind French political theatre. With enlargement to the East so high on the German political agenda, there is a historical opportunity to force through CAP reform if Eastern European farmers are to be accommodated."

Of all the EU's institutions, the European Commission is the most hesitant about the need for further reform. Franz Fischler, the EU Agricultural Commissioner, said recently that there was no need "to reform the reform at the moment", referring to those instituted by Raymond MacSharry in 1992.

Academic studies on the cost implications of EU enlargement came up with widely different estimates, ranging in extra costs from £10 billion a year to £24 billion. The Commission rejected some of the alarmist forecasts, arguing that reform should continue on a piecemeal basis.

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Santer seeks right to shape foreign policy for Europe

From Wolfgang Münchau in Brussels

BRUSSELS should have the right to shape Europe's foreign and security policy, a power currently jealously guarded by the governments of the European Union's 15-member states, Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, said yesterday.

Unveiling a series of far-reaching proposals for next year's review of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Santer also called for Brussels to have greater influence over justice and interior affairs, and an extension of majority voting.

The proposals are expected to provoke a furious response from Britain's Euro-sceptics, who will see Mr Santer's recommendations for next year's Inter-Governmental Conference as further evidence of his federalist aspirations.

Addressing the European Parliament's institutional committee, Mr Santer, who was once described by John Major as the "right man for the right job", called for a strengthening of the European Commission as the guardian of the European treaties. He said the Commission should be given the right of initiative in foreign and security policy.

Mr Santer also criticised Britain's opt-out of the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty. He hoped the matter would be raised at the Inter-Governmental Conference.

His ambitions for next year's conference stand in stark contrast with the views expressed by the Prime Minister, who said recently that he would oppose any changes that carry significant constitutional implications, including changes to Britain's opt-outs. Mr Major has said he is opposed to further extensions of qualified majority voting and a significant extension of the powers of the European Parliament.

In his prepared statements to MEPs, Mr Santer gave a damning verdict on the achievement of the European Union's foreign and security policy. "Its results give at the very least an impression of a malaise ... A doubt has manifested itself: could everything that has been achieved, not also have been achieved without the European treaty? ... What people clearly resent is the gulf between the expectations, which derived from the announcement of a common foreign policy, and the everyday reality of chaos." He called for using the existing provisions in the Maastricht treaty for more majority voting in foreign and security policy.

However, he rejected a French proposal for a "President of Europe", who would preside over all the EU's institutions, arguing that this would weaken the European Commission. He said that a strong Commission was the key to upholding the "European edifice". He criticised the EU's efforts to forge a common interior and justice policy, also known as the third pillar of the Maastricht treaty, although he acknowledged that the third pillar has not had enough time to prove itself.

In response to questions on European Monetary Union, Mr Santer said that continued market turbulence posed a threat to the single market, reflecting fears among some European politicians that public support for the single market would be undermined with competitive devaluations.

Mr Santer came out in support of some of the parliament's key demands, including co-decision with the Council of Ministers on all aspects of EU legislation, a right the parliament currently only enjoys in selected areas, and the right to select the President of the Commission.

Santer: wants Brussels to have more influence

EC offices raided by Belgian police

By Michael Dynes

BELGIAN fraud police raided the European Commission's headquarters in Brussels yesterday in search of clues to an alleged misuse of funds by European Union tourist officials.

Officers from the Belgian Public Prosecutor's financial fraud section searched offices and seized documents after claims that three officials had embezzled funds from the tourism department over a period of several years.

Up to £300,000 is understood to have been paid in bribes and kickbacks to the three officials in order to secure lucrative contracts that were awarded as part of the European Year of Tourism.

Niklaus van der Pas, a Commission spokesman, said the full extent of the alleged fraud was still not known. Belgian police were brought in at the request of the Commission to help to clear up the issue "as soon as possible", he said.

The Commission earlier lifted diplomatic immunity protecting the three officials, two Greeks and a Frenchman, and granted police the authority to enter the Commission's headquarters, which are normally out of bounds to the Belgian authorities.

Two of the accused officials have strenuously protested their innocence. All three have been suspended from duty.

A recent report by the European Court of Auditors, the EU's spending watchdog, highlighted "irregularities" in the use of tourism funds in 1993.

A French peacekeeper patrols Sarajevo's "Sniper Alley" in heavy snow yesterday

Serb forces raid gun depot

Sarajevo: Bosnian Serb forces have taken heavy weapons from a depot guarded by the United Nations near Sarajevo, violating a Security Council resolution backed by the threat of Nato airpower, the UN said yesterday.

"The Serbs withdrew the weapons on Monday and last night from the Lukavica barracks collection site," said Major Herve Gourmelon, a UN spokesman. He said one 20mm anti-aircraft canon and a spare 20mm barrel were taken on Monday and one 105mm gun, a 76mm gun and a 120mm mortar were taken yesterday morning.

The Security Council ordered in February last year for all heavy weapons to be removed from firing range of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, or placed in UN-supervised sites as part of a deal to protect the city from bombardment. The Lukavica weapons depot, located at a Bosnian Serb barracks southeast of Sarajevo, is guarded by about 30 French peacekeepers. UN sources say their troops offered no resistance to the seizure.

The latest incidents follow Bosnian army attacks on Serb positions in northern and central Bosnia-Herzegovina on Monday, breaking a truce that had started to fray around Sarajevo. *(Reuter)*

WORLD SUMMARY

US offers $4m for bombers

Washington: Two Libyan agents charged with the Lockerbie bombing have been placed on the list of the ten most wanted criminals in the United States with a $4 million (£2.5 million) reward on their heads (Tom Rhodes writes).

Lamen Khalifa Fhimah and Abdel Basset Megrahi, who are still believed to be in hiding in Libya, were indicted in 1991 for planting a suitcase bomb on PanAm 103 which exploded above Lockerbie, killing 270 people, in 1988. In addition to the wanted poster, which is to be circulated in both English and Arabic, the Administration is advertising for paid informers on the Internet, the worldwide computer network.

Gaza lorry bomb leads to new ban

Jerusalem: Israel imposed a ban on Palestinian-owned vehicles crossing over from the Gaza Strip after the discovery of 400lb of explosives in a lorry (Christopher Walker writes). Two men were arrested. The lorry bomb was intended for detonation inside Israel. Its discovery came 48 hours after gunmen ambushed a bus in the occupied West Bank, killing two Jews. The incidents cast fresh doubts over the peace process. The vehicle ban imposes further hardship on the impoverished Gaza Strip.

Russian forces threaten Argun

Moscow: Russia said yesterday that its forces in Chechenia had begun to encircle the town of Argun, site of the military headquarters of the secessionist rebels. The troops had seized a village close to the military headquarters, the Russian information centre on the conflict said, according to Interfax. They also seized a hill with a Chechen command centre. If confirmed, the advances would be the most significant since the Russians seized the capital Grozny. *(AFP)*

Killer dies by lethal injection

New york: Thomas Grasso, the murderer whose death sentence became a symbol of the American debate on capital punishment, has been executed by lethal injection in Oklahoma State Prison. In 1991 he was convicted of murdering a New York man and jailed for life, but he was also convicted for an earlier murder in Oklahoma, where he was sentenced to death. George Pataki, the new Governor of New York, sent him there for execution.

Grasso: sentence was subject of much debate

Ticklish problem

Melbourne: Australian police are hunting a man who breaks into homes and tickles children's feet. The man has struck 18 times since October 1990 around Bendigo in the state of Victoria. *(Reuter)*

Conference aims to restore faith in British strengths

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

THE Royal Institute of International Affairs will disclose today the scope of one of the most ambitious foreign policy conferences held in Britain, which the Government hopes will restore faith in Britain's particular global strengths such as its armed forces, the English language, British culture and education and its effective aid programme for Eastern Europe.

John Major will open the one-day conference next week, which will bring to London leading industrialists, foreign statesmen and foreign policy analysts, including Henry Kissinger, Vitali Churkin, Russia's Ambassador to Nato, General Sir Peter de la Billière, the British commander in the Gulf War, Sir Martin Jancomb, Director of the British Council, Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, and Sir David Putnam, the film producer. The Prince of Wales will give an address and Douglas Hurd and Robin Cook will outline Tory and Labour views of British foreign policy.

The aim of the conference is partly to bolster British morale at a time when a sense of inevitable decline has eclipsed the continuing influence of the BBC and the armed forces abroad, and partly to convince voters at home that British foreign policy still matters. The conference is very much the brainchild of Mr Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who believes that there has been too little real debate on Britain's vital interests overseas and that too many people take for granted assets, such as the English language, the British Council and the BBC, which give Britain a disproportionate moral, cultural and political influence in world affairs.

To avoid bland self-congratulation, Chatham House has invited critics to point to present contradictions and disagreements with other nations. Dr Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, may give a forceful riposte to British carping over the transatlantic relationship; Josef Joffe, foreign editor of *Süddeutsche Zeitung* will certainly pour scorn on Britain's floundering over Europe.

There will be four main areas of debate: Britain's diplomatic and security role, with emphasis on how the armed forces can support diplomatic objectives; the country's place in the world economy, referring especially to the City's role in global finance, government trade promotion and inward and outward investment; democracy and development, an area where Britain has been a pioneer in global privatisation, linking aid to good government and the careful targeting of know-how funds; and culture and education, looking at how the global use of English and the wide knowledge of British culture can be turned to advantage.

US backs down over world trade job

By Colin Narbrough

THE Clinton Administration has removed the hurdle it set up to prevent Renato Ruggiero, the European Union's candidate, from becoming the first full-time head of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the newly created watchdog for free trade.

Signor Ruggiero, the Naples-born former Italian Trade Minister accused by senior Washington officials of being protectionist, is now likely to take over as director-general at the WTO's lakeside headquarters in Geneva. He succeeds Peter Sutherland, the former European commissioner from the Irish Republic, who was forced to adopt the caretaker role because of the transatlantic dispute.

Diplomats said that the talks will continue for at least another day because some countries objected to the conditions attached to Signor Ruggiero's appointment.

America, which said yesterday it would back Signor Ruggiero, clashed with the EU last year over the top job at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to try to ensure that a non-European was appointed. In the end, Washington agreed to let the EU candidate, Jean-Claude Paye, a Frenchman, be reappointed for 18 months, after which Donald Johnston, America's candidate, will take over.

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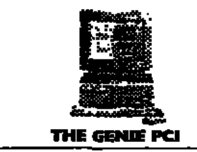

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Royal visitors given taste of extreme wealth and poverty that still divide South Africa

Queen attends service to mark Sharpeville deaths

From Alan Hamilton in Cape Town

ATTENDING morning service in St George's cathedral, Cape Town, is an essentially English experience: a second-hand organ from St Margaret's, Westminster, a memorial window to Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the congregation in their best hats, and a rousing rendition of *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*. But then, quite unlike England, there is Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The occasion was moving, but with the archbishop in charge it had no chance of being solemn: a service to mark South Africa's first Human Rights Day, held on the 35th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre when 69 blacks protesting at the Pass laws were shot dead by police, many of them in the back. The Queen and President Mandela sat in the front row to share another significant moment in the country's history.

Hardly had the official guests taken their seats when the archbishop's disembodied voice boomed from the public address system: "Welcome: you're all looking very smart." The Queen was indeed smart in a broad-brimmed turquoise hat, Mr Mandela equally so in a dark suit and blue silk tie with a yellow carnation in his buttonhole.

> 'We are very poor, perhaps she will bring us lots of money'

The English atmosphere was shattered as African singers and musicians jolted the cathedral to life with an explosion of traditional Xhosa music. The Queen's elegant white shoe was seen to twitch in time to the driving rhythm, a discreet giveaway of royal enjoyment.

In his sermon, Archbishop Tutu gave thanks for his country's deliverance from the dark days of Sharpeville. "A miracle happened last year. We who had been denied the franchise for so long voted for the first time ever in the land of our birth. The repulsive caterpillar has become a gorgeous butterfly of many colours," the archbishop said. "The Commonwealth has welcomed us once more back into the fold — we, this recalcitrant, troublesome straying sheep." He paused and grinned impishly. "I nearly said black sheep." He offered a warm welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, and paused again to be greeted by a quintessentially English silence. "We are allowed, in this cathedral, to clap," he said loudly. The congregation immediately obliged with a round of welcoming applause.

Outside the cathedral, the harsh polarities of the old South Africa are still evident in the new, as the Queen was about to discover. She was entertained to lunch by Julian Ogilvie-Thompson at his winery an hour's drive from Cape Town. Mr Ogilvie-Thompson is chairman of Anglo-American Corporation, which owns an estimated 45 per cent of the South African economy, and is the world's biggest producer of gold and diamonds. Pre-lunch drinks were taken on an immaculate lawn in the shade of apricot trees. Inside the thatched house, the Queen ate melon soup, Cape salmon and banana ice cream, accompanied by the winery's own chilled chardonnay. To reach the opposite pole required a drive of barely half a hour. Khayelitsha is a black township of squatter camps and shanties covering 100 square miles: its population is estimated at between 700,000 and one million. Unemployment runs at 70 per cent; in most areas there is no sanitation beyond buckets, and electricity reaches few of the shacks of wood and corrugated iron.

Hundreds of township dwellers crowded the Queen's short route, most of them not entirely clear who they were about to see. However, they cheered and waved as the white Range Rover drew up. The Queen's party got out and walked for 50 yards, advised by local security men to keep away from the crowd barriers and not to shake any hands. There are said to be more guns in the township than houses with electricity. Behind a high wall and heavy steel gates, the Queen toured a nutrition and welfare centre which teaches local women sewing, weaving and leatherwork. Outside Vidawekna, an old lady with two remaining teeth, said: "We are suffering: she must see we are suffering. We have no toilets, we have nothing. We are very poor. Perhaps she will bring us lots of money."

Within 45 minutes the Queen had driven off again in a cloud of dust, leaving no money and having failed to see for herself the true conditions of township life.

At a sports centre at Langa township, near Cape Town, the Queen was later mobbed by exuberant black youths and forced to beat a retreat to the safety of her car.

Simon Jenkins, page 14

SIMON WALKER

The Queen is surrounded by an enthusiastic crowd during a brief visit to a sports centre at a black township near Cape Town yesterday

THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

Surfing the superhighway

How to survive and prosper on the information superhighway

Wrist-mounted televisions, computers and telephones, fridges that will notice when we are out of milk and tell the car to buy some on the way home: this is the digital future. Nicholas Negroponte, director of MIT's Media Laboratory in Boston, will guide *Times* readers through the technological maze in a fascinating forum on the digital revolution and its impact on our lives to be held in London on Thursday, April 6.

The forum, which marks the publication of Professor Negroponte's latest book, Being Digital (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.99), will offer readers an insider's view of what it is like to live in a digital world, with universal communication available to all at the touch of a control. Professor Negroponte's talk will be followed by questions.

Chaired by John Diamond, the *Times*'s computer guru and columnist, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 7.30pm.

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Turkish army 'has killed 200 Kurds'

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY said that its forces had killed as many as 200 Kurdish separatist rebels on the second day of its ground and air offensive deep inside northern Iraq, which has won support from the United States and Russia but provoked criticism from Europe.

Kurdish sources said Turkey was "chasing shadows" because fighters of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) had advance warning of the operation, launched before dawn on Monday, and many had crossed the mountainous border into Turkey or disappeared in Iran.

Diplomats questioned whether all the 200 dead were rebels. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees urged Turkey to discriminate between PKK guerrillas and civilians and said it was investigating reports that Turkish Kurdish refugees in Iraq had been abducted and returned to Turkey. Turkey said eight of its soldiers had been killed.

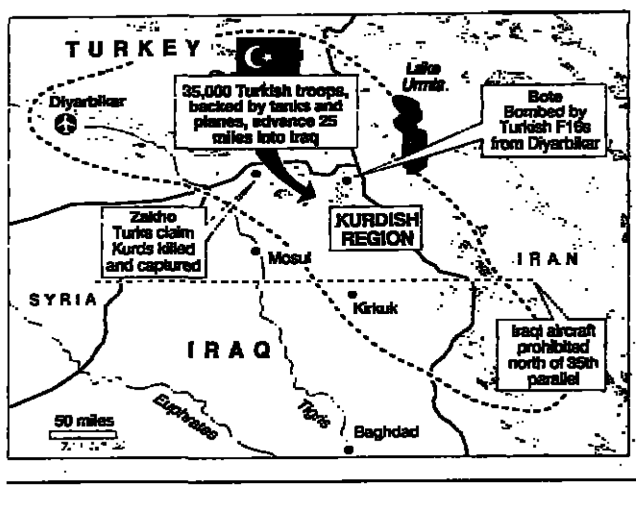
Advance units of the 35,000-strong Turkish force, backed by tanks and artillery, had penetrated 25 miles inside Iraq by yesterday morning and were spreading eastwards towards the Iranian border. Military officials said that one *of the biggest PKK bases,* at Bote 60 miles south of the Turkish border, was raided repeatedly by Turkish F16 fighter bombers and destroyed.

Turkey had been massing troops along its southern border for three weeks and the expected offensive began on the eve of the Kurdish New Year, when the PKK often orchestrates violent protests at home and abroad. Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, said that Ankara was determined to "rip out the roots of the [PKK] terror operations". Turkey called the operation the biggest in the Turkish republic's history.

However, a spokesman in Ankara for the Kurdistan Democratic Party, the Iraqi Kurdish group which controls the border region, appealed to Turkey yesterday to trust in its ability to police the PKK or at the very least to co-ordinate their efforts in order to safeguard the civilian population. One argument is that Ankara'sshow of force is partly to convince the Turkish public that the war against the PKK can be won. The Turkish chief of staff suggested this month that the situation had improved and that it was time to reduce the number of troops in the region. Many see these remarks as a prelude to attempts to charm the European Union, with which Turkey recently signed an agreement to enter into a customs union. That agreement still awaits approval from a European Parliament deeply critical of Turkey's human rights record.

The United States gave tacit support to the Turkish incursion after Mrs Ciller assured President Clinton and other world leaders that her country had no designs on Iraqi territory and every effort would be taken to safeguard civilians. Washington, like many European countries, has branded the Marxist-Leninist PKK a terrorist organisation. Russia accepted Turkey's assurances that the operation was a "one-off action". Alain Juppé, France's Foreign Minister, speaking on behalf of his European counterparts, said the EU also regarded the PKK as a terrorist group, but he rebuked Turkey for violating Iraqi sovereignty.

Turkish troops advance through the Halil Ibrahim district, near Zakho in northern Iraq, yesterday on their mission to destroy PKK training camps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Conflict's death toll hits 15,000

TURKEY'S outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a hardline Marxist-Leninist group branded as a terror organisation by many Western countries, took up arms for an independent Kurdish state in the southeast of the country 11 years ago (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Since then, at least 15,000 people have died in the brutal conflict, including rebels, government forces, and Kurdish civilians. Dozens of villages suspected of harbouring guerrillas have been razed while the rebels have killed hundreds of Kurds accused of collaborating with the security services.

About 1.5 million Kurds have been driven from their homes by the fighting which pits about 200,000 soldiers against an estimated 10,000 guerrillas. It is now the Middle East's bloodiest conflict after Algeria's civil war and a damaging drain on Ankara's coffers, costing about $8 billion (£5 billion) last year.

Turkey's official attitude of denying an ethnic and social identity to the Kurds fuelled nationalist sentiments that turned separatist. The PKK emerged in the 1970s, founded, and still led by, Abdullah Ocalan, a university dropout.

Fighting has been concentrated in the mountainous areas of southeastern Turkey, home to most of the country's 12 million Kurds, who constitute a traditionally downtrodden and discontented fifth of the population. More recently, the rebels have taken their war to the cities and bombed hotels and restaurants to undermine Turkey's lucrative tourist industry.

Rebels carry fight to Germany

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

TURKEY'S war with the Kurds is spreading to German cities where Turkish travel agents, banks and restaurants are being attacked by arsonists and hooded youths with petrol bombs.

For the past eight nights houses throughout the country have been erupting in flames. In Bonn on Monday night, an Alawite community mosque was attacked; in Berlin, a Molotov cocktail was thrown through the window of the Turkish newspaper *Hurriyet*; in Cologne and Gelsenkirchen, Turkish banks were set on fire; in Bavaria, tourist offices and cultural institutes were targeted. There have been more than 50 attacks in the past week but nobody has been injured.

The Government is blaming the Kurdistan Workers' Party, the PKK, which is banned in Germany. The authorities have arrested a man who is said to be the regional leader of the PKK.

The raids have confirmed a long-standing among Germans, that, with a population of more than 1.5 million Turks and about 600,000 Kurds, the country has become one of the theatres of the Turkish war.

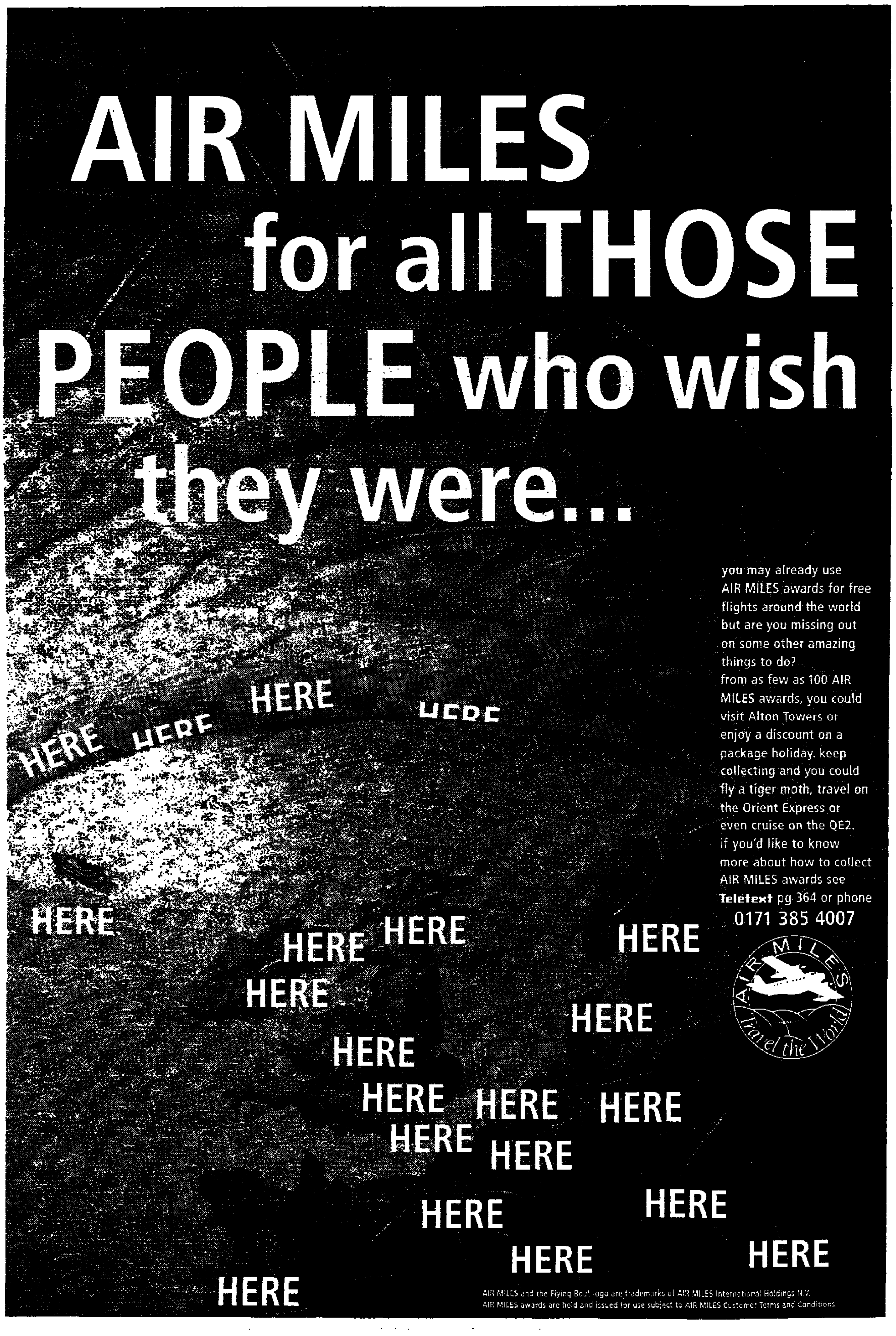
German security officials believe that there is an additional dimension to the spreading violence. Germans are beginning to book their summer holidays, and the Turkish seaside has long been a favoured destination. The PKK aims to put pressure on the Turkish Government by destroying this lucrative tourist market.

Vatican 'kidnap talks'

Rome: The Holy See is negotiating with kidnappers for the release of Emanuela Orlandi, a Vatican employee's daughter who vanished 12 years ago, Rome's *Il Messaggero* newspaper said yesterday (John Phillips writes).

The disappearance on June 22, 1983, of the 15-year-old girl remains a mystery and has been linked by investigators to the assassination attempt on the Pope in St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. She was last seen being bundled into a car that reportedly had Vatican registration plates as she waited at a bus stop in Rome on her way to a flute lesson.

Her parents' lawyer received telephone calls from people claiming to represent a "Turkish Anti-Christian Liberation Front", saying that she would be freed if the Vatican arranged the release of Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk serving a life sentence for the assassination attempt. The Vatican yesterday denied the *Il Messaggero* report.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Gas mask shares boomed before Tokyo Tube attack

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

SALES of shares in Japan's only gas mask manufacturer rose 100 times above average last week — only two days before the poison gas attack which killed eight people and injured 4,700, 80 of them critically, in Tokyo's subway system.

Unease felt by commuters was increased yesterday by the report that trading in the stock of Shigematsu Works, a company that has a monopoly on manufacturing gas masks, were boosted by 100 times last Thursday and Friday.

A company spokesman said he felt the surge was "most unusual", but could not explain it.

Another disturbing factor was reported by residents living near four subway stations on the Hibiya line — the worst affected in Monday's Sarin nerve gas attack. In interviews with *The Times*, 20 people said police were swarming around the four stations and their exits on Sunday night, as late as midnight, only eight hours before the first reports of the attack. Police would not comment on whether they had received a tip-off, or threats.

They confirmed, however, that they were waiting to question a man who was among the victims on the Hibiya line and who is in a coma at a central Tokyo hospital.

Witnesses said passengers became suspicious when he left a package wrapped in newspaper on the floor of the carriage just before leaving the train. A passenger kicked the package towards him as the carriage doors were closing, spilling some liquid from a container. The man reportedly collapsed and was taken to hospital. Two people nearby on the platform died.

Confusion and shock over the attack gave way to outrage yesterday. Media and government leaders condemned the senselessness of the crime, and mystery deepened over suspects and possible motives.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attack on three subway lines carried out with a liquefied form of Sarin, a deadly nerve gas developed by the Nazis.

Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth), a religious sect that has been linked in media reports to the subway gassing and at least two earlier incidents involving the same nerve gas, denied the reports and threatened to respond with legal action. In a statement released to the press, the group said it was the victim of a government-orchestrated plot to suppress its religious activities.

On Sunday, police raided the group's office in Osaka and arrested three members on suspicion of kidnapping a university student. "State power brought about the Tokyo Sarin case, a tricky crime, in order to cover up the illegality of the recent arrests and to convince the public that Aum Shinrikyo is an organisation that perpetrates atrocities," the statement said.

Shoko Asahara: cult leader "victim of plot"

Yoshinobu Aoyama, Aum's lawyer, followed up the statement with a press conference at the group's office in central Tokyo. He said the organisation had never produced, handled, or possessed Sarin. "Some people consider the group to be a sinister sect involved in weird activities and when something like this happens, they see it as an opportunity to lay blame. People should stop finger-pointing and the media should stop speculating. Aum was framed by someone who holds a grudge against the group."

Speculation about the sect's possible involvement in the attack persists, however — largely due to reports in January that Sarin residue was detected leaking from the group's compound in the remote village of Kamikuishiki in central Japan.

At least 30 witnesses have come forward since Monday with accounts of suspicious behaviour among passengers on the three affected lines. One woman told police from her hospital bed that she sat next to a man on a Hibiya line train who had a large paper bag with a newspaper. She said he fiddled around under the paper before leaping up and jumping off the train as the doors were closing at a station in eastern Tokyo, leaving the bag behind.

Similar reports of men carrying small packages wrapped in newspaper have led investigators to conclude that the gassing was a co-ordinated attack by between three andfive people.

The manner in which the Sarin was diluted, placed in canisters and deposited in five carriages on three subway lines showed an understanding of the effects and handling of toxic chemicals, police said. Medical authorities confirmed yesterday that 840 people were still in hospital. Up to 300 of the victims who inhaled relatively high doses of the gas may suffer lasting damage such as impaired eyesight, respiratory problems, malfunctions of the liver and other organs, or damage to the nervous system, doctors said.

Train services and stations that were disrupted or closed after the attack resumed normal services yesterday morning. Banks and offices were closed for a national holiday marking the spring equinox, however, giving a welcome respite to commuters, many of whom feel anxious about using the subway system so soon after the attack.

Troops from the Japanese army's anti-gas warfare unit decontaminate subway trains yesterday. Police continued to seek clues to the attack

How fictional killer was brought to book

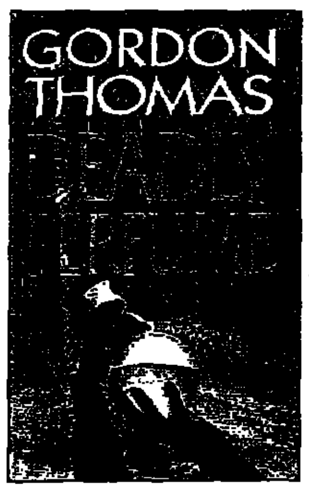
BY ANJANA AHUJA

THE dustjacket bills the work of fiction as a "rare insight into the real world of secret intelligence and modern-day terrorism". For the author of *Deadly Perfume*, it was a "crime waiting to happen".

Gordon Thomas had spun an elaborate tale about nerve gas attacks on the subways of the world's big cities. Four years after its publication, fiction has become reality.

"I was shocked rigid to see it had actually happened, that my plot had come true," said Thomas, who has been besieged by the media ever since a sharp-eyed fan alerted the press to the chilling parallels between *Deadly Perfume* and the Tokyo attack. "When I heard the news, I thought to myself 'It was a crime waiting to happen'."

The book features a global terrorist called Khalil Raza, who is recruited by Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East to wage war on the West. Raza settles on nerve gas as the perfect instrument of terror. Human "mules" are used to smuggle bottles of perfume laced with anthrax and Sarin through airports and deliver them to terrorists in London, New York and Paris. To demonstrate their deadly intent, the terrorists unleash a terrifying attack on a small South African town. The town's obliteration draws little publicity.



That part of the plot was echoed in real life by a Sarin attack on Matsumoto, a city near Tokyo, in June last year. Although seven people died and hundreds more were injured, little has been written about it until now.

The final chapters see the Islamic campaign foiled by a Mossad agent.

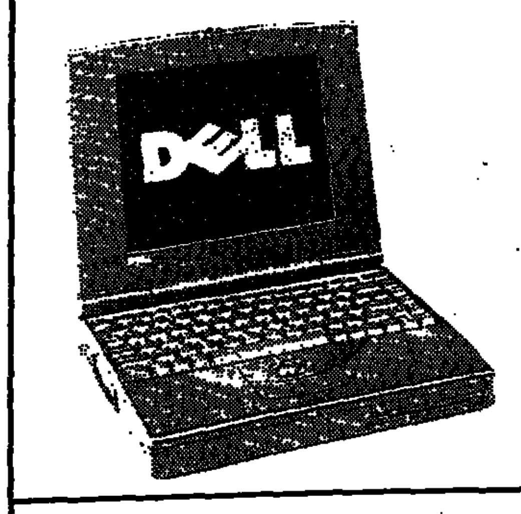
Thomas, who lives in Delgany, a village south of Dublin, was inspired to write *Deadly Perfume* while working in the United States four years ago. The 62-year-old Welshman discovered that in the 1950s the CIA decided to test how vulnerable a subway would be to terrorist attacks using nerve gas. "They took a powder dye and fed it through the New York subway system. Within a few minutes the dye had reached nine stations and people found themselves covered in it. Being New York, commuters thought it was subway filth — but the CIA had proved terrorists could use nerve agents."

After uncovering this remarkable episode, Thomas consulted his CIA contacts and asked them to give him a scenario in which nerve gas could be used to target civilians. All suggested the subway system.

During his 40 years as a foreign correspondent, Thomas was stationed all over the world and made extensive contacts. Among those he credits in *Deadly Perfume* are "my friends in Israel and Egypt, who serve still and because of that cannot be named". He spent a year in Tokyo. Among the 35 books to his credit are novels that predicted Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, the downfall of Gorbachev and the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia. Even the thrice-married author's private life seems fashioned from fiction — his wife's father was a German intelligence officer who worked for the British Government after the Second World War.

What about the possibility that somone was inspired by his books to commit terrorist acts? "People have asked me if I feel guilty — and I don't. I have sold 40 million books all over the world. I have no control over whose hands those books end up in."

Environmentalists are waiting for *Poisoned Sky*, due out next year. It tells how terrorists hold the world to ransom by manipulating the ozone layer.



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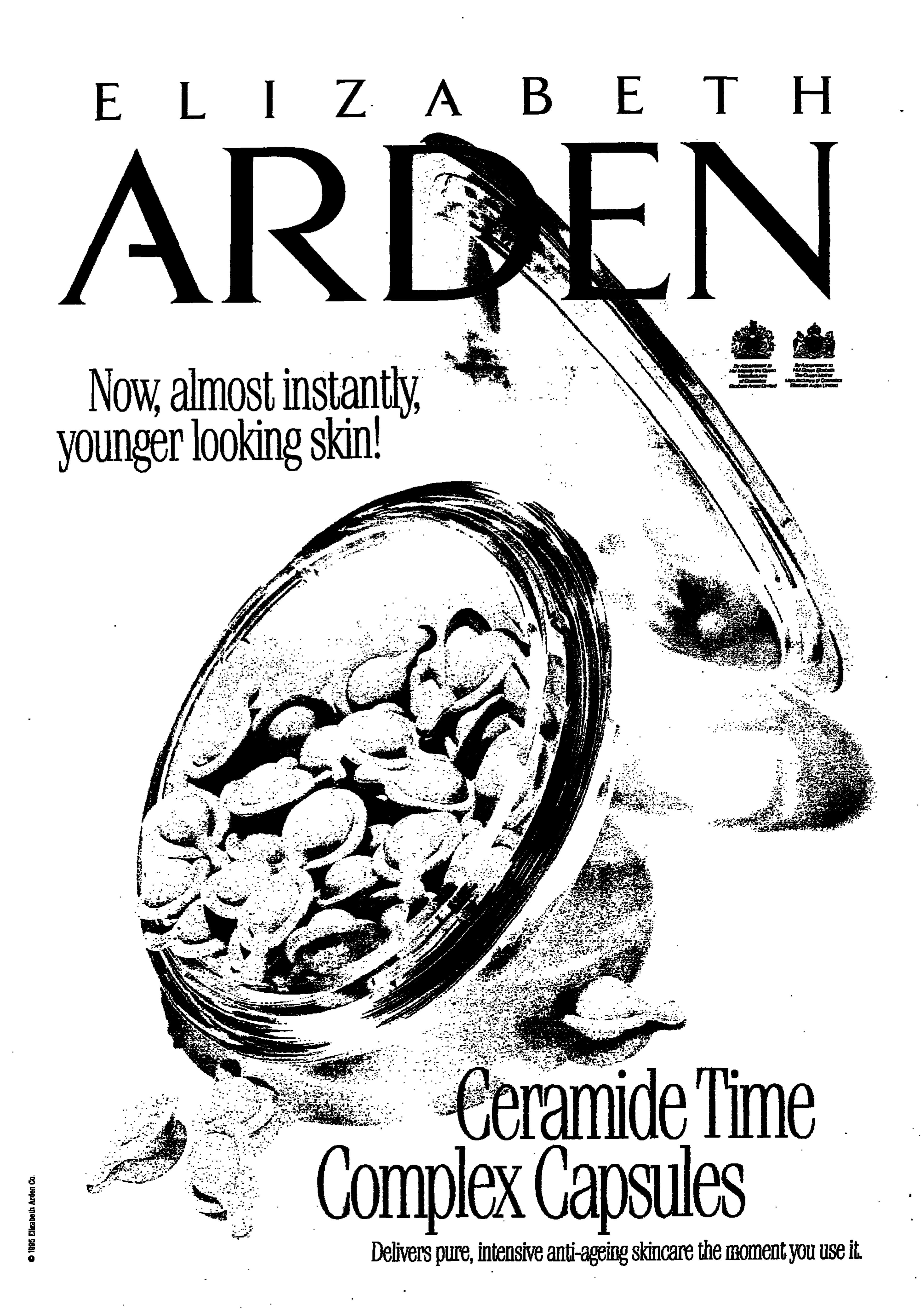
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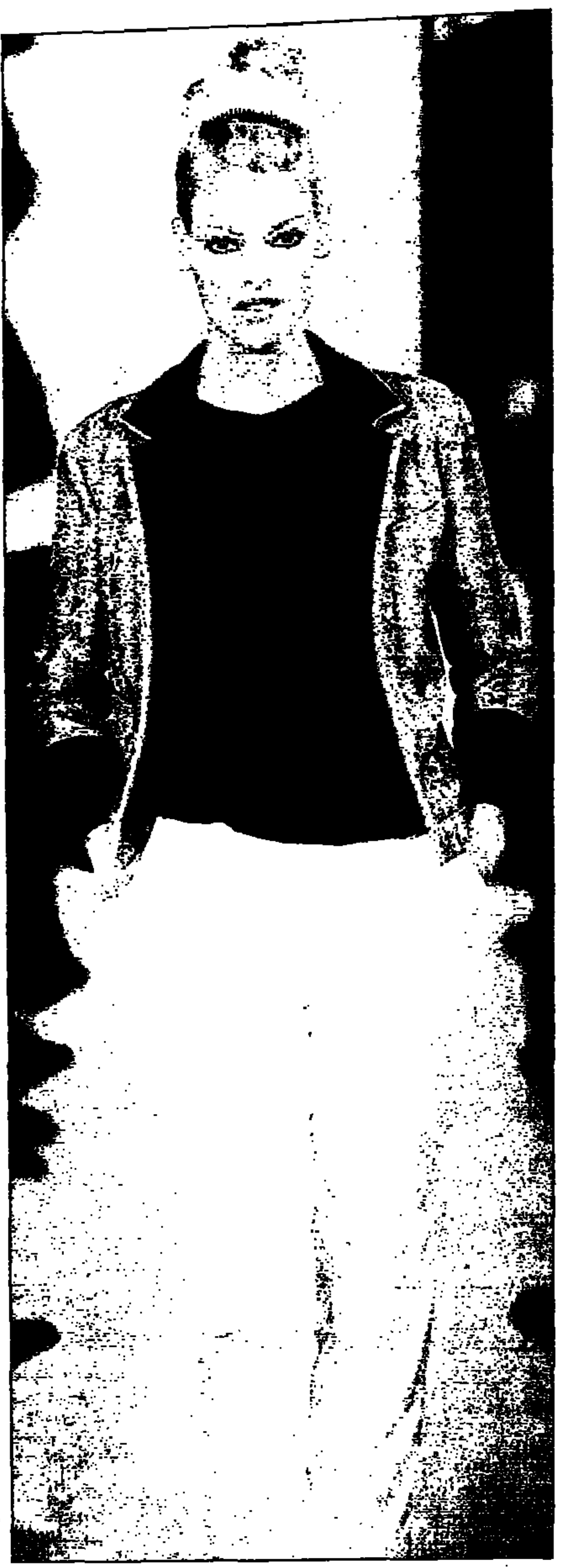

HELMUT LANG — making tomorrow look easy today

Left: GIGLI — swashbuckling; Right: UNGARO — glamour

VALENTINO — daytime gets a touch of gloss and sheen

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Dress me up, dress me down

The message from the Paris shows is muddled but gorgeously feminine

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IN THE film *Prêt-à-Porter*, the camp fashion designer, a thinly disguised version of Vivienne Westwood, played by Richard E. Grant, describes his latest collection. What's important this season, he says, is the bust, the hips, the waist, and, of course, legs . . . which, come to think of it, doesn't really leave much else.

The bona fide prêt-à-porter collections for autumn-winter 1995-96, which previewed in Paris last week, aren't so different from the reel thing. Designers offered endless variations on one discernible theme: clothes.

If you want to dress like a cross between Raquel Welch in *One Million Years BC* and an extra in *Total Recall*, you can, thanks to Jean Paul Gaultier. You can dress up like a diva care of Thierry Mugler, or a member of the Home Counties Mothers' Union (headscarf a must) with the help of none other than Vivienne Westwood.

In Paris there appeared to be no unifying image, and why should there be? With more than 80 shows on the ten-day schedule (in France one fashion week lasts longer than most) featuring designers from all over the world, and a handful of natives, there is little which bonds them save that fabric and thread are the tools of their trade.

Right now fashion delights in all things feminine — gorgeous fabrication, pretty detailing — and offers grown women the forgotten pleasure of the dressing-up box.

Even designers as uncompromising as Yohji Yamamoto and Comme des Garçons have been bitten by this lovely bug. Yamamoto's finale featured sweeping crinoline skirts and picture hats, while the Comme collection was full of swirling ruffles, often stitched into flower-like collars, and modern Prom Queen party frocks which teamed little sweaters with giant tulle skirts.

Ann Demeulemeester also showed sweaters and long skirts for evening, but hers were sleek. Sloppy Joe knits with large cowl necklines were worn with slim skirts in moire silk or soft leather.

John Galliano collaged images from Spanish Harlem, East Side speakeasys and Japanese kabuki in his couture-style collection, offering more irresistible bias-cut evening gowns, and elegantly tailored suits. Galliano is truly *an inspired designer.*

Karl Lagerfeld's collection for Chloe was as muddled as the message from Paris itself but his show for Chanel and his eponymous line were both concise and compact. For Lagerfeld, jackets are key — from hourglass shapes to neat boleros and a new, boxy 1950s-style silhouette. At Chanel he focused on the dress — for day as part of a suit, and after dark in satin, chiffon and lace.

Emanuel Ungaro, Sonia Rykiel and Valentino also offered charming collections which blurred the line between day and night with satin, bouclé knit, sherbert tweed, sequins, fake fur.

Equally sumptuous was the collection of Romeo Gigli, despite its overtly masculine silhouette. Gigli cuts a great jacket, and sent out variations in everything from grey pinstripe to baroque brocade. He added a pretty touch with a new, skimpily cut pirate shirt, often decorated with cameos and huge jewels.

There is no place for accessorising in Helmut Lang's world. Lang is a minimalist par excellence, but this season he remade and remodelled his effortlessly understated wardrobe in deluxe fabrics: satin, cashmere, men's suiting, leather and tweed.

His narrow silhouette remains: cigarette slim trousers, neat-fit jackets and cardigans, T-shirts and shift dresses are coloured black, grey, milky white, silver, gold, camel, palest pink and lemon yellow.

But now Lang adds a touch of whimsy: knee-length pencil skirts sprout ladylike trains and tiny, detachable, "Supergirl" capes in chiffon float from the backs of dresses and T-shirts. One long evening glove is worn as the only accessory to the fact that this collection sees Lang move from the trendy backwater into the establishment mainstream. Pretty modern.

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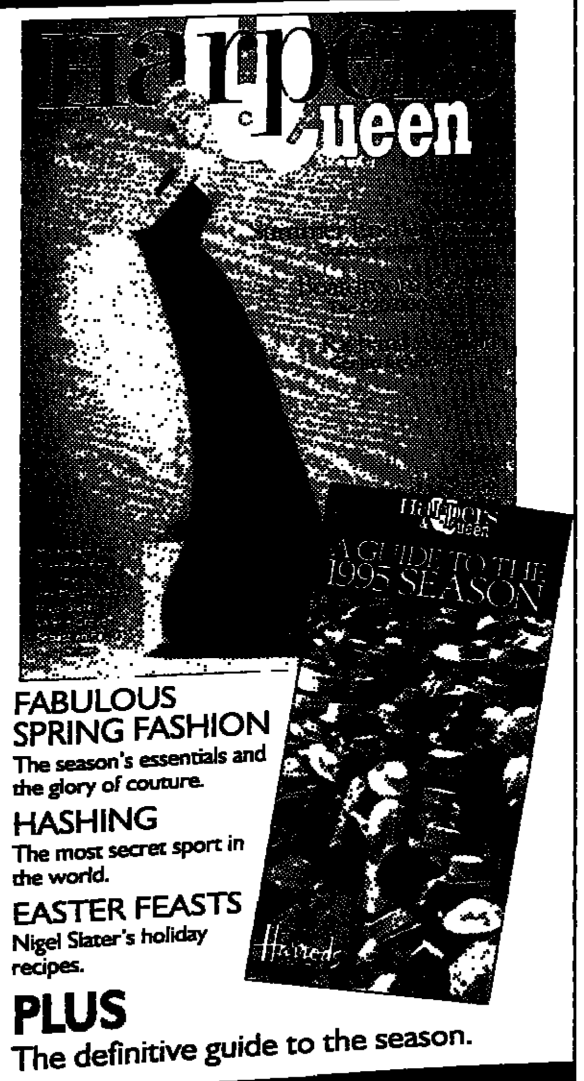

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THE REST ARE MERELY DERIVATIVES

The great Germaine Greer is still crazy after all these years, but she remains a voice worth listening to

Half-right on rape

LIBBY PURVES

It must be more than 25 years since Sara Maitland, now a distinguished writer, dragged me out of our college to a draughty east Oxford hall to hear Germaine Greer speak. Her friend Bill Clinton was there, too, watching this amazing new Australian feminist; he has since said that it helped to convert him to the cause of women. The hall was packed.

I remember a tall, rangy, scornful figure, verbal fireworks, a stern reminder to smug undergraduates that the battle would not be won until working-class women won it too. I remember the characteristic Greer line of the period about how you would never get good sex from an intellectual man, so bright women should sleep with lorry drivers (possibly, it now occurs to me, this accounts for the subsequent desperate priapism of that particular Oxford generation, from Clinton himself to Martin Amis. How's that for a footnote to history?)

Anyway, we young things listened and marvelled. And, even then, dimly saw that half of what Germaine Greer says is as brilliant and revolutionary and inspiring as the Gettysburg address; and the other half is bonkers. Nothing changes. This week again the great Germaine is half right, half crazy.

Writing against the anonymity of rape victims, she argues that rape is no worse than other violent crimes, and that to treat it differently from other assaults is merely "glorifying and magnifying the tag of flesh beyond reason". Since no shame attaches to being raped, she says, women who bring accusations of rape should not need anonymity. She backs it up by revealing how she was raped at 19, and paints well the terror and abjection and pain of being brutalised; insisting that in comparison to the violence, "the penetration was nothing". After the attack, times being what they were, she kept quiet about it: "I was not going to become a career rapee."

Now, much of this strikes a powerful chord. The anti-rape movement, which has done much to support women and change the minds of terrible old judges, has had the side-effect of creating "career rapees". We have so often been told that this is the one thing a woman cannot get over, that the response of some young women is to feel that they are marked for life as victims. It is almost a return to the old idea that you are, however innocent, "spoilt" by the rape. Tough women who do identify themselves are useful in counteracting this; we have had some shining examples lately, braver than Ms Greer because it did not take them 37 years to out themselves.

But nobody has the right to do it for them. It took Ms Greer long enough, and she is a far from typical woman. She has always, in her writings and speeches, shown a cheerful Aussie ability to take sex as a mechanistic, routine sort of pleasure. Not all women are so gung-ho. Even in this age of how-to manuals and blockbusters full of goldfish, many women remain modest and tender about their sexual selves: romantic, maternal, matrimonial, even rather spiritual.

You find it even among the apparently heedless young, like the wine-bar waitress who was happy to appear on "Swimwear Night", but drew the line at "Lingerie Night", even though technically her costume would have been more modest. Underwear was private, she told the industrial tribunal. I do not think that Germaine Greer, with all her fine qualities, has got much of a clue about that kind of womanliness.

Moreover, 20 minutes with an experienced WPC would have disabused her of the idea that all rape is as simple as hers was. Violent, deviant things are done, sometimes with weapons; these are invasions most women never encounter in a lifetime of love affairs or a long marriage.

The details come out in court, although they are rarely fit for the papers. Family and friends will know it is you; but to be exposed to the curiosity of strangers and photographed full-length on your own front step so that any oddball can fantasise about it is something quite different. Not something to wish on any sister.

So all solidarity, Germaine, from the 1968 generation. We quite admire you, and are grateful for the licence you gave us to be outrageous. But when we are outraged against our will, leave us our privacy, OK?

Out of tune with the village

Anne McElvoy

on Garsington's open-air opera and the feud it has generated with the locals

CHRIS HARRIS

Leonard Ingrams at Garsington Manor, home of the three-week festival: "We have tried hard to compromise, but the opposition is implacable"

On an early spring day, Garsington Manor encapsulates the English rural idyll. The gardener is hard at work among the careful topiary, pale daffodils nod in the breeze and in a back room of the oak-panelled Tudor house, a team of cheerful local ladies is hard at work dispatching programmes for the open-air opera for which Garsington has become famous.

But when the last chords of Rossini's *La Cenerentola* have died away on the opening night of the three-week festival, which opens in June, Leonard and Rosalind Ingrams, the owners of the manor and founders of its tiny opera, will anxiously wait not only for the critics' bouquets or brickbats, but for the judgment of their neighbours.

For Garsington is home to a village feud of such virulence that were we in an Agatha Christie novel there would be several bodies in the shrubbery by now. On the one side stand those who think there can be no greater pleasure than listening to a mezzo-soprano's aria soaringthrough the still, summery air. On the other are those who claim the opera disturbs the pastoral calm, and that it is snobbery that deems uninvited classical music less burdensome than a rave party.

Mr Ingrams, the more reserved merchant-banker brother of Richard, the former *Private Eye* editor, was fined £1,000 for noise pollution and ordered to pay £2,000 in costs last December for breaching noise regulations, after seven local residents complained that the strains of Strauss and Haydn were disturbing their sleep. His defence countered that the operas made 64 times less noise than the average rock concert.

He agreed to install a sound barrier to cut the noise, but still intends to appeal next month. "We have tried hard to compromise," he says. "But the opposition is implacable."

This being England, the row is also about class, however delicately the parties may dance around the issue. Tickets to Garsington cost between £65 and £80 and its 400-seat capacity makes it more exclusive than Glyndebourne. The Garsington dress code is black tie, too, and the audience lugs baskets of champagne and salmon into the gardens for the picnic break.

And Rosalind and Leonard are unmistakably pukka. Related to the Baring family, he worked for the bank until ten years ago, when he left to become a director at Robert Fleming. Lord Carrington and Susan Baring are on the opera committee. Michael Heseltine, the local MP, has been "very supportive", he says. Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and Michael Howard have all been seen in the audience. No Labour worthies, though. "I'm not sure," he says, "that any of them like opera."

As a child, he played in the National Youth Orchestra under Malcolm Sargent before going up to Oxford where he took an outstanding First in Greats, dabbled in classical research and then moved abroad, where he consolidated a good fortune.

After finishing up as adviser to the Saudi Government, he moved back to Britain and bought the manor, with the intention of staging summer concerts. "Then I thought, why not try an opera? There was such a marvellous response it just grew and grew." Nowadays, he can pull rising stars such as the sparky young conducter Wasfi Kani.

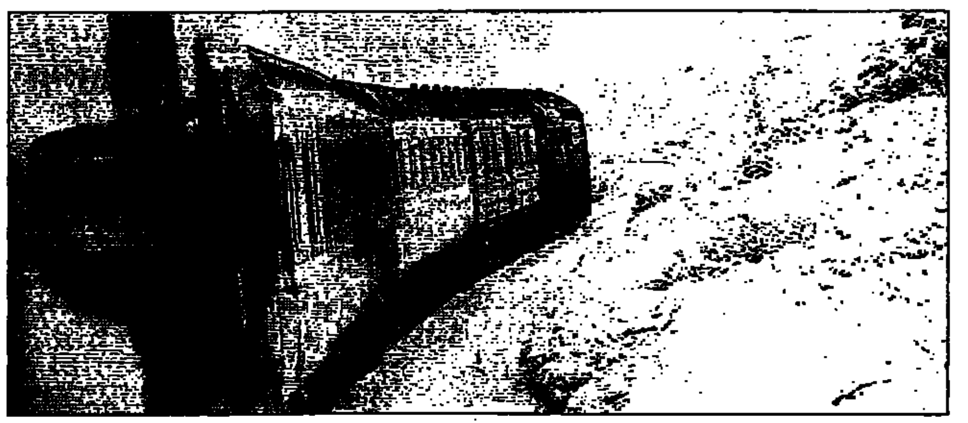
Loftily unmoved by the charge that he is purveying music mainly for toffs, Mr Ingrams says: "We have great support in the village. Many people here have seen opera for the first time in their lives. They are invited free to the dress rehearsals." He estimates that he has spent £65,000 on planning advice and acoustic consultations. "The opera had even been making a little money."

Most of the villagers are careful in their judgments, unwilling to reheat the disagreements which, the pub landlord sighs, "ruined Garsington's Christmas". One pensioner whispers: "He plays the Lord of the Manor a bit too much for today's taste."

The Ingramses do seem to flirt with the spiritual legacy of Lady Ottoline and Philip Morrell, former owners of Garsington and hosts to Siegfried Sassoon, Bertrand Russell, T.S. Eliot, Virginia Woolf and Robert Graham. But Leonard Ingrams is, without doubt, an enthusiast, commissioning and overseeing the productions himself, and unfashionably opposed to producer-dominated opera. "I don't like anything which interferes with the enjoyment of the music. Music is the real magic. And music in a garden is sheer heaven."

Beeching's ghost rides again

The threat to cut Scottish rail services reopens old wounds



Saved by the Macpuff campaign: the West Highland railway line

Hanging on the wall beside me is a map which would bring tears to the eyes of any railway buff. It shows the stations from which *The Scotsman* newspaper was distributed during the early part of this century. Each is marked with a little red dot; and the dots are everywere, criss-crossing the country from Banff to Dumfries, west to Ayr, south to the Borders.

Those were the days when Scotland had a serious rail network which made rural communities viable in ways never subsequently achieved. It was not only an economic lifeline, it played an important social role. You could huddle in a tiny station waiting room round a coal fire swapping local gossip, or telegraph down the line to find out if "she" was on time. That intimate contact was symbolised by "the tablet" — the little bronze disc which was passed from engine driver to stationmaster at each stop, and without which the through signal could not be changed. Nowadays the technology has improved but the stations have gone.

My map, redrawn today, would be a sorry sight. Nothing much north or west of Perth, a blank in the Borders, Ayrshire a dot-free zone. And if the threatened cuts to the Motorail link and the Anglo-Scottish sleeper trains go ahead, as seems likely, I might as well roll it up altogether.

The threat to withdraw these services has been described as "a hammer blow for the Highlands", striking not only at the local people who rely on them, but at the tourist industry which is the lifeblood of the area. No one knows who will take the final decision, but the buck is being passed from Department of Transport to British Rail to Scottish Office to the Rail Regulator and the Franchising Director. It seems as if the worst possible outcome will be reached, for the worst possible reasons.

There is a dreadful familiarity about all this. Thirty years ago the Beeching Report produced a map which sent shivers through the whole of Scotland, but particularly the Highlands. It showed no rail lines at all north of Perth; it proposed the axeing of virtually every Scottish rural line; it signalled, long before Thatcherism, the end of subsidised railways. The reaction was immediate and outraged. A campaign was launched by a group calling themselves the Scottish Vigilantes, and before long Highland communities were taking part in a remarkable series of protests — meetings, marches, train journeys packed with campaigners.

The campaign was called Macpuff and there was much recourse to pipers and placards. My father, Eric Linklater, was recruited to write a memorandum which was sent to the Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home. It was headed "A memorandum on conditions in the North of Scotland which necessitate revision of those parts of the Beeching Report which recommend the closure of the railways north and west of Inverness".

There is a smack of the 18th-century pamphlet to it, but the sentiments would be immediately recognisable today: "Throughout the Highlands, opposition to the report is so widespread, and so generally inclusive of all classes of the community, as to constitute a phenomenon of remarkable interest," it began. "Unanimity is a *rara avis* in Scottish history, but Dr Beeching's proposals have domesticated the bird in every northern county."

The cuts, wrote Mr Linklater, would render life in the Highlands intolerable: "The traveller from Inverness to Thurso, going by bus, has to spend, in a journey of 131 miles, ten and a half hours in a vehicle which offers no sustenance against time and fatigue, and no recognition of needs inseparable from the process of metabolism. Travel by bus is a trial of strength and torment to the spirit."

It would be hard to see that kind of language getting past the soundbite barrier today, but there is one sentence at least which might be incorporated wholesale into today's campaign: "The Beeching Report," it proclaimed, "threatens to quell growth and blacken a fair prospect. Its recommendations are purely destructive when they ought to be helpful. There is a case, not for destroying an essential service, but for enlarging and improving it."

The links north to Inverness and Thurso, and the marvellous West Highland line to Kyle of Lochalsh, were spared. But further south the network was scrapped, leaving only a skeleton of what had once been the spider's web on my wall-map. Macpuff did, however, enjoy an advantage which is denied to the current campaign. It was aimed at one target — the Government.

Today, with privatisation in the offing, there seems no one willing to take responsibility. So it seems fair to end with the same conclusion as my father's in 1964: "As doubt remains, anxiety continues; and the manifest duty of Her Majesty's Government is to dispel them without further delay."

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■ Though we pretend to be liberal and enlightened about sex, we are just as prurient as ever

Just how pure must one be to hold public office? Rupert Pennant-Rea now joins a legion of figures who have been condemned not for professional incompetence but for their private sexual behaviour. In this case, the exposure was carried out by the former mistress herself. But the revelation could just as easily have come from an employee or a casual observer. "Outing" is now the name of the game, and it is quite as serious for adulterers as for closet gays. In the United States and Britain, the destruction of careers by sexual indiscretion is becoming an epidemic.

But why? We have, by any measurable standards, become more open-minded about all manner of moral nonconformity over the past 30 years. So how is it that, in the midst of liberation, we are caught up in this ethical cleansing operation: expunging from national life anyone who deviates from the traditional rules? In Catholic France, it is always said, such things are taken casually. But we Protestant Anglo-Saxons, who have made such a meal of throwing off our puritanism since the war, seem more high-minded than ever.

As I remember it, the whole point of the 1960s sexual revolution was to usher in tolerance and understanding. The new freedom would mean acceptance of one's own nature and those of others. Enlightened permissiveness was to replace repression. The vagaries of people's desires and impulses would be embraced without vindictiveness or recrimination. And yet, after a generation of this doctrine, we find ourselves dismissing political leaders and public servants in a veritable witch-hunt of prurient intrusiveness.

Of course, it was all bound to end in tears. The obsession with sexual honesty was really just an obsession with sex. And the insistence on truth-telling and openness became a licence to peer into other people's lives.

The argument seems to have progressed like this: if sex is nothing to be ashamed of, then it is wrong (even unhealthy) to be secretive about it. Therefore, it must always be right to be "open" about your life, however bizarre. So what we have got is the worst of both worlds. If you are guilty of private transgression, you are twice as culpable for keeping it a secret. And anyone who is inclined to expose you can do so without guilt, because privacy in these matters went out the window with fusty inhibition.

It was all rubbish, of course. Sex was never going to be the fair-minded, equally distributed, justly organised stuff of Utopian fantasy. People's emotions are too devious, selfish and ambivalent for that. Which is precisely why it is so important to have rules for keeping them under control. But it was too late for subtlety or doubt. Sexuality was now the essence of one's identity, and any sense that some things were rightly personal (let alone blatantly wrong) was lost. All that intellectual guff about the virtue that would be ushered in by abolishing the rules collapsed — as we should have known it would — into shameless exploitation and hedonism.

What is most important for our purposes here is that the personal had become political. (This was indeed the rallying cry of the sexual revolution in its mannerist phase, and it is still the shibboleth of many gay lobby groups.) There was no longer any distinction between private and public, because the most private aspect of most people's lives — sexual conduct — was the essence of social morality.

What people feel a need to justify now is not so much doing whatever they are inclined to do, but doing it in secret. It is on these grounds that tabloid editors justify their ruinous exposures. Tessa Hilton, the Editor of *The Sunday Mirror*, which broke the story about Mr Pennant-Rea, has taken what is now the standard line: "The public is entitled to know." In this case, what we needed to be told was a rather thin catalogue of practices that seem more seedy than corrupt.

> Puritans that we are, we have sex quite out of proportion

Mr Pennant-Rea, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, made use of a driver (who was paid by the taxpayer) to transport his mistress around. He also, in Miss Hilton's rather waggish words, "used private apartments of the Governor of the Bank of England for purposes for which they were never intended".

Which is to say, he had illicit sex on the floor. (One wonders whether this offence against the civic polity would be as great if the intercourse on the carpet had been licit. If Mr Pennant-Rea and his wife had suddenly been overwhelmed by passion at the office, would that also count as a purpose for which the facilities were never intended?)

We are reaping the consequences now of a very dangerous fallacy: the idea that an entire social philosophy could be based on sexual inclination; that the unleashing of suppressed drives and instincts would be the answer to all our ills; that the personal could be a model for the political. Puritans that we are, we have got sex completely out of proportion. And the irony is, that it has made us more vengeful than ever.

Just leave Africa alone

South Africa finds itself belaboured with Western aid, when what it needs is trade

Simon Jenkins

The Queen described South Africa on Monday as "little short of a miracle". It showed a way forward into the next century, she said, and "helped bring rays of sunshine to pierce the mist. May the sun shine ever brighter."

May it indeed. But may we be spared talk of miracles. South Africa is a grown-up country. It is witnessing no miracle, just politics, the relentless unfolding of cause and effect. The politics is full of danger. Last year saw American politicians, European sanctioneers and even the Commonwealth taking credit for the overthrow of apartheid. Now these same people are piling in with their aid, hoping to take credit for something called a miracle. The moral imperialists of the 1980s are becoming the aid imperialists of the 1990s. Given half a chance they will rot the country as they rotted the rest of Africa.

When I was last in South Africa, I watched an American senator making a televised speech calling on the world to "Go rebuild South Africa from the ravages of apartheid". I was standing next to a (Coloured) South African who muttered: "God preserve us." Since then he has watched a sickening procession of International Monetary Fund, World Bank and European Union officials falling over themselves to burden his country with debt. All have donor budgets to use up. All wanted to ram indebtedness down Pretoria's throat and gain kudos thereby.

South Africans have pleaded with these parasites to go away. They know about development economics and know what corruption could be unleashed by the estimated $10 billion offered to them in the past year. Last year, Mandela asked the West at the Davos summit to let South Africa arrange its own investment. His Ambassador to the United States, the admirable Franklin Sohn, recently told the World Bank to keep its hands off countries such as his. (That the British Government subsidises this pestilential bank is outrageous.) But it is all to no avail.

There is nothing in South Africa that needs to be "rebuilt", because nothing was destroyed. Apartheid has become not just the Great Horror, but the Great Excuse. Any shortcoming can be ascribed to it. A chaotic school, an overcrowded hospital, 30 per cent unemployment, rising crime, falling public sector pay — all are "the legacy of apartheid". Even the former front-line states to the north are demanding aid from South Africa for the damage they suffered for "confronting" apartheid.

I suppose the big lie has its uses for politicians. For the past two years, the Pretoria authorities have struggled to reduce the budget deficit. Last week the Finance Minister, Chris Liebenberg, both cut the deficit and freed exchange controls. This was a huge achievement. He held public-sector pay rises to just one third of the 10 per cent inflation rate, and did so without a strike or a Cabinet resignation. Neither Margaret Thatcher nor John Major has ever achieved such self-discipline, nor has any other Third World country.

All this has been pushed through by Mandela and his ministers on the ground that "recovering from apartheid" will take time and sacrifice.

What happens when the excuse runs out? Apartheid may have been a cruel ideology, but there is little point in denying that it helped to make South Africa the regional powerhouse it is today. In colonial times, the country's mineral riches flowed abroad. Its people were poorer than Rhodesians and Kenyans. The infrastructure was primitive and farm productivity lagged behind even that of Zambia. Apartheid had its waste: the cost of black population resettlement, enforcing pass control, resources diverted to white education and training, one in three whites working for the Government.

But I believe history will judge apartheid not just as a blind alley in African history. Many countries have their discriminatory laws or customs, even nowadays politically correct America. South Africa's were particularly crude, but they entrenched a skill-base and a source of savings at a time when the rest of Africa was degenerating into pseudo-socialist chaos. Then came sanctions. They protected and disciplined the economy at just the right moment of development. They saved it from serving as a dumping ground for the savings of the rich. Power-stations, roads and factories had to be spun out of the country's own guts. South Africa had to drink its own wine, train its own labour, equip its own army. If it wanted to sell abroad, it had to finance its own trade. This was the world's Wild West.

When disinvestment came, it hurt the blacks but gave a surge to white business formation. Whingeing about the economy is South Africa's favourite pastime after rugby. But apartheid took an economy reliant on farming and minerals and left it by far the most developed in Africa.

The conventional wisdom is that this was all due to white capitalism and exploitation of blacks. Perhaps some of it was. Apartheid was politically unstable. But it did not destroy; it made South Africa rich. The three biggest recipients of Western aid to southern Africa in the 1980s were Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique. They became its worst basket cases. The migration of the poor, that telltale of wealth, led out of these aid-soaked, liberated countries into oppressed, sanctioned fortress South Africa. This is the truth, and apartheid's historians will one day tell it.

The discipline that came with sanctions must somehow be maintained. And so must the lesson that the rich need to be able to accumulate wealth if taxation and investment are to be buoyant and skilled labour is not to emigrate. In this context, skilled labour means primarily white labour.

Everything that has happened to South Africa since last April has endangered this realism. America has sent $2 billion, Japan $1.3 billion, the World Bank $1 billion, Europe as a whole $0.5 billion. Much of this is in open credit, to a country already spending 20 per cent of its budget on internal debt. Most of the IMF money shoved at South Africa before inauguration was instantly blown, financing a capital flight to the New York stock market. If South Africa collapses into budgetary chaos, the finger should be pointed first at President Clinton, who personally ordered this act of financial aggression.

Modern aid donors like to gift-wrap their poison. They call it "hard" loans, "people assistance" and "knowhow" money. They pay for conferences, foreign trips, seconded policemen and bureaucrats, institutes and university exchanges. Britain's £100 million is, as far as I can see, to go largely on boosting the middle-class salariat and on loans to businesses which (by definition) have been rejected by the banks.

The nomenclature is criticism-immune: enterprise consultancy, Aids advice, investment feasibility studies, policy research, health service coordination. Such projects draw skilled people away from the productive economy into a largely worthless bureaucracy (though it is at least less corrupt than the Scandinavians, who poured money into the pockets of Allan Boesak, or the Americans, who did the same for Winnie Mandela).

Such aid increases dependency or indebtedness or both. South Africa has an inherently robust economy. Aid induces it to think that it has only to shout "apartheid" for the world to give it a living. This time last year, Mandela was having none of this. He wanted not aid but trade — trade on equal terms for his fruit, grain, coal, steel and manufactures. At that point the Western governments and world bankers faded into the mist. Trade was trouble. It was competition. Trade does not keep bankers in plane tickets or Third World countries up in lucrative debt. Trade is real aid, not phoney aid. It was suddenly a case of "Don't call us Mr Mandela, we'll call you."

The best way to help South Africa is to leave it alone. Meddling in Africa is the curse of the liberal classes. They have not stopped now that they wear suits and carry international passports. I watched a strangely moving programme on television last week by Billy Connolly. He had returned to Mozambique and concluded that it was "a kind of arrogance" that led the world to believe it could solve the problems of Africa. It just made a mess. The one thing that outsiders could do, said Connolly, was make friends. He did. In her peculiar way, I suppose the Queen has too.

Why 'outing' is wrong

Chris Smith says

OutRage! colludes with homophobia

Once again, the issue of "outing" prominent figures who are gay or lesbian has hit the headlines: this time in the form of a letter from Peter Tatchell and OutRage! to 20 MPs, "inviting" them to declare their sexuality to a waiting world. As someone who has been open about being gay for over ten years, I cannot accept that outing in any shape or form is right either tactically or morally.

It is of course important for people in the public eye to be honest about themselves and their sexuality. Not only is openness better than covert behaviour or pretence; but standing up and saying something about yourself can greatly help and encourage others. When I first spoke publicly about my sexuality, it wasn't the flood of congratulatory letters from lesbian and gay activists that meant most to me, but the letters from people who weren't active or confident or in the public eye, simply saying: "Thank you, it has made it easier for me."

But this chance to bring confidence to others by being open only comes if the decision has been made voluntarily. If the statement is dragged out by others, it seems there is some cause for shame.

Nothing would be worse than, for example, a politician who paraded his sexuality at every turn in order to make a point. Much more is gained for everyone by somebody saying "Yes, I'm gay. So what? Now let's get on with the business of being an MP." Much more is achieved for the cause of homosexual equality by a person deciding to do this of his or her own free will.

This is why I believe that OutRage's tactics are profoundly misguided and unjustified. They are counter-productive, because they depend for their effect on a sense of shame where there should be no shame. The embarrassment comes only because of the existence of prejudice in parts of our society, and heavy "invitations" to come out depend for their effect on the existence of that prejudice. They reinforce the genuine fear.

None of this, however, should be taken to imply an endorsement of hypocrisy. People who are gay and who nonetheless make anti-gay speeches or vote for discriminatory legislation or profess to despise people of a different sexuality are self-evidently reprehensible. Saying one thing and doing another is unacceptable, particularly in those who profess to serve the public. But the answer to such behaviour is not "outing" them, tempting though that might be in some cases. It is to argue against the points that they make.

In many ways, "outing" people — and the argument it has generated — is a distraction. We ought to be emphasising that being lesbian or gay doesn't make someone in any way less worthy as a citizen. We ought to be saying clearly that having a different sexuality makes no difference whatsoever to a person's ability to perform just as well at any job as anyone else. We ought to be taking up our cudgels in support of those brave souls who are seeking to tackle discrimination in the armed services or in the Church. Yet instead we are going down the byways of whether the individual sexual proclivities of a particular group of politicians or bishops actually matter or not.

Yes, I would like to see more MPs standing up and saying they are gay. It would give a real boost to the argument against discrimination. No one was happier than I when my Conservative colleague Michael Brown decided to be open about himself. He's given a lot of heart to a lot of people by doing so.

There is so much left to achieve. The age of consent for gay men is still not the same as for heterosexuals, and I long for the day when we can establish a clear principle of equal treatment before the law. In many other respects, our laws say very clearly that discrimination is wrong. We have a raft of legislation that tries to protect people facing prejudice because of their race or colour or gender. In relation to sexuality, however, the law itself discriminates. And so long as that persists, it represents a standing condemnation of our democracy.

The age of consent is the first thing that needs changing. The position of lesbians and gay men in the armed services and the merchant navy needs reform. The administrative practice of the courts over custody cases, or of building societies over mortgages, or of some employers, is grossly unsatisfactory. We need to put on the statute book a law that prevents discrimination on grounds of sexuality. And we need to remove that scar from our framework of law, section 28 of the Local Government Act, which labels lesbians and gay men as second-class citizens with second-class relationships.

One of the fundamental principles of a democracy is the protection of diversity in society. "Outing" homosexuals instead makes people afraid and angry. It achieves reluctant admissions, not a confident sense of dignity. There are much better ways of furthering the worthwhile cause of liberation.

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Out and off

THE TIMES DIARY

LESS THAN a week after he suggested that the Conservatives would benefit from a spell in Opposition, Baroness Thatcher's friend Lord McAlpine appears to be preparing for a Labour government. Westminster is rife with rumours that the genial peer is to move to the tax haven of Monte Carlo.

"As far as I know, he's going to move there on April 1, and will remain there at least a year," says one source. "He has told close friends that he is thinking of moving. He must think taxes will probably go up a bit."

McAlpine said yesterday that he would be in Australia on April 1. "And I do not have anywhere in Monte Carlo." But he has also said recently that he is planning to spend more time on the Continent than in England, because of his writing commitments.

The former Conservative treasurer and multimillionaire already spends a considerable part of the year at his palazzo in Venice, which is often patronised by leading right-wing Tories. But he has friends in Monaco such as the Barclay brothers, owners of *The European*, and has regularly visited the principality, where his wealth would be protected from any swingeing taxes that Labour might introduce.

YOU CAN'T STOP SCRATCHING? MM,... SOUNDS LIKE LOTTERY FEVER
DOCTOR
Robert Thompson

One's dogs

THE QUEEN looked delighted when she spotted friendly canine faces in the crowd on her arrival in South Africa. But in private she admits that she tires of encountering corgis in every corner of the world.

"She says it gets embarrassing, because someone pushes a corgi at her wherever she goes," says a leading light in the Welsh Corgi League, the world's biggest society for Pembroke corgis. Her Majesty's sentiments go a long way to explaining why she has declined all invitations to public events held by the league, even though she regularly invites its members to Buckingham Palace to discuss breeding. "But we hope to persuade her to come to our Diamond Jubilee in 1998," panted Diana King, the League's secretary.

Tail end

AFTER three generations of trawling for business, a London fish shop has pulled in its nets. Founded in 1910, Bob White, fish merchants of Kennington, went down at the weekend and will be missed by cabbies and the underworld.

John White, the founder's grandson, who used to boil up two tons of winkles in the yard every Saturday, blames the recession. "We had people like Charlie Kray, Buster Edwards and the snooker player Jimmy White coming in," he says. "Billy Connolly even used to try to nick my pint of Guinness. In recent years it's been a different kettle of fish, and it's been hard to survive. With 40 years under my belt, it's time to call it a day."

● *Simon Heffer, a deputy editor of* The Daily Telegraph, *has laboured lovingly for some years over his biography of Thomas Carlyle, to be published by Weidenfeld tomorrow. So he can't have been thrilled last week when he opened the paper to see it advertising his book as a life of John Carlyle.*

One's rival

MYSTERY SURROUNDS a note found on the door of Winnie Mandela's office, which read: "This office will be closed until Wednesday. The Queen is out of town."

The note is an in-office joke, say her staff — no *lèse majesté* is intended. President Mandela's estranged wife, who is deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology, is known by her fans as the "Queen of Africa". And she has been conspicuous by her absence during Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's visit.

By chance they are related: Michael and Nicholas

Seeing red

PRINCE Michael of Kent twisted his tongue around the Cyrillic alphabet on Monday night at St James's Palace to deliver a flawless speech in Russian for the charity New Names, which promotes Russian musical prodigies. A Russian interpreter had to translate back into English.

Prince Michael has made no secret of being a rampant Russophile, and he bears an uncanny resemblance to his distant relation Tsar Nicholas II.

Friends are concerned that he might soon eschew the English language in the belief that he actually *is* the late Tsar.

● *Rupert Pennant-Rea, who resigned yesterday as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, can be assured of a warm welcome in the Harare Club, which he joined two years ago in his native Zimbabwe. "I'm sorry he's got problems. It seems to be a disease over there," said an official. "But he's welcome to a stiff gin here if he needs it."*

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PRIVATE AFFAIR

Public officials should resign for the right reasons

It is not difficult to recall circumstances when the resignation of a senior Bank of England official would have added to the probity and honour of public life. Eddie George might well have resigned as Deputy Governor responsible for banking supervision during the BCCI fraud. Robin Leigh-Pemberton might well have fallen on his Governor's sword among the shambles of the exchange-rate mechanism. Yesterday Rupert Pennant-Rea decided to resign following publicity about an extramarital affair. It is easy to understand why he chose to leave the limelight and restore himself in peace: it would have been better, however, for British governance had he shown himself as resilient as his predecessors.

Mr Pennant-Rea's private life has no bearing on his ability to conduct monetary policy or banking supervision. As far as is known, he has behaved with probity in his professional business; he has not abused his position; he has not been caught in any conflict of interest. Nor has he been tarred by hypocrisy: nowhere has he preached family values. The former Deputy Governor has been hounded out of office by a woman who wanted to achieve precisely that result.

Mr Pennant-Rea was appointed to the Bank in 1993 on the recommendation of Sarah Hogg, then head of the Downing Street Policy Unit. She had worked with him at *The Economist* and was impressed by his quickness of mind. Conservative institutions such as the Bank of England need occasional invigoration from outside. But to the bankers of Threadneedle Street, most of whom had worked in the Bank for all their lives, Mr Pennant-Rea was initially a too bracing breath of air. Yet although his career background was unconventional for his job, he was, by all accounts, good at it. These revelations have undoubtedly made him look foolish, but, with reasonable luck and support, they would have been forgotten in weeks or months had he continued in his post. As it is, he will be remembered as the man who was brought down by his mistress.

There may be some of his former colleagues who today harbour a secret delight about an outsider being humbled. At Westminster he can expect little support: politicians who resent living up to the standards that they preach will have little sympathy for someone else who has been caught in their net. In Downing Street another victim of the "back to basics" climate (author, Sarah Hogg), is something to be forgotten as soon as possible.

But questions remain. Does the vice-chairman of a health authority need to have a blameless private life? How about the deputy director of an opera house? Does British public life have to become as roundheaded as a Sunday night on the Mayflower? The climate will doubtless change again: and with it the interests of the popular press. Meanwhile it will be no surprise if people offered public appointments turn them down.

KURDISH FAULTLINE

Ethnic conflict is poisoning Turkey's secular democracy

Turkey has promised that its military operation in northern Iraq against guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) will be brief. It probably will be, if only because 35,000 troops could not be deployed without giving the PKK plenty of warning. Its guerrillas will slip back across the border into Turkey. On the understanding that this is a case of hot pursuit, Turkey has the support of Russia, and the "understanding" of the United States. By contrast France, speaking for the European Union, has accused Turkey of violating Iraqi sovereignty.

In Ankara tomorrow, EU foreign ministers will presumably stress that Turkey is as bound as any other state to abide by international law. To this the Turkish Government will retort that no country can be denied the right to destroy units of armed rebels, who exploit anarchy in a neighbouring country to evade capture. Both sides have a point; but the argument skirts more important questions. These are whether Turkey can hope to eradicate the PKK, a Stalinist terrorist movement which could fairly be compared to Peru's Shining Path — and what the ruthless military strategy it is pursuing is costing the country in terms of suffering, treasure and political stability.

Over more than ten years, an estimated 14,000 have been killed — 3,500 of them civilians. In the predominantly Kurdish southeast, some 2,000 villages have been razed by the security forces, in a scorched-earth policy which has displaced around two million peasants. The conflict has cost over £17 billion, equal to about two years' export revenue. The Government claims that victory is close, but if that were so it would hardly need to back up the 45,000 Kurdish paramilitary village guards it has recruited with 270,000 soldiers and police. The PKK is now on the defensive, but it is still active in a third of Turkey's 76 provinces, and ten of these are under martial law. A more accurate assessment would be that the PKK, which has a maximum of 30,000 guerrilla troops, cannot win; but that the Government can restore stability only by evolving a political counterweight to PKK terrorism to which Turkish Kurds can rally.

The PKK is poisoning Turkish democracy and even undermining Turkey's secularism. Kurdish families, most of whom would settle for a better life and some cultural concessions, are being forced to take sides. They are massacred by the PKK if they refuse to fight for them, but if they support them, they are uprooted or killed by the security forces. They have fled not just to nearby towns, but as far as Istanbul, where they swell the shanty-towns and are easy prey for Turkey's rapidly growing Islamist Welfare Party.

The Government has abandoned the absurd pretence that there is no such thing as a Turkish Kurd. But it claims that to permit Kurdish-language education or television would be surrendering to terrorism, and that the PKK must first be defeated. The PKK does not represent the great majority of Kurds; but the Government has choked off legitimate, non-violent channels for the expression of their grievances. Last year, the pro-Kurdish Democratic Party was banned, and six Kurdish MPs were arrested and sentenced on extremely dubious grounds to long terms in prison.

This policy is myopic as well as repugnant. Turkey has problems enough apart from ethnic conflict: a weak Government, spreading corruption and a debt-ridden economy trapped in severe recession. The country lies at the intersection of a volatile region, and prides itself on its moderate, restraining influence from the Balkans to the Caucasus and North Africa. It has shown less finesse at home. The PKK is beyond the pale: but the Government urgently needs to open a political dialogue with the Kurds' law-abiding majority.

FADING ORANGE

The Tory party's links with Unionism are weaker than ever

The death of Sir James Kilfedder marks the end of an honourable chapter in the history of Ulster Unionism. As member for North Down since 1970 — latterly as the only Popular Unionist MP — he epitomised the moderate loyalism of the Protestant middle class and its natural affinity for the Conservative politics of the mainland. In spite of his concerns about the constitutional implications of the peace process, he remained a strong supporter of the Government and was a natural choice as chairman of the Northern Ireland Select Committee.

It is far from clear that Sir James's successor will share his faith in co-operation with the Conservative establishment. As the first vote of significance in Ulster since the publication of the Anglo-Irish joint framework document, the North Down by-election is bound to be seen, in part, as an interim referendum on the British Government's conduct of the peace process and its proposals for the future of the North. James Molyneaux's Ulster Unionist party will fight hard for the seat; but so too will Ian Paisley's DUP, hoping that Protestant fears of a betrayal will deliver the seat into its hands. The protest vote may, of course, be split by independent candidates. But the risk that the new Member for North Down will be hostile to the Government cannot be ignored by the Conservative whips.

The symbolism of Sir James's death will not be lost on the dwindling number of old-fashioned Tories who cherish their party's Unionist past. In truth, the retreat of Conservatism from traditional Unionism is all but complete. By describing his own Unionist convictions as a "personal right",

His regard for Mr Molyneaux appears to be sincere; their relations have always been cordial. Yet it seems clear that the Unionist leader's views were not held of high account when the joint framework document was being drafted. The rituals of fellowship between Conservative and Unionist are still being observed; but, increasingly, they are an expression of courtesy rather than a genuine mechanism of consultation.

For this, Mr Molyneaux paid a humiliating price at the weekend, when Lee Reynolds, a 21-year-old student, polled 88 votes in a leadership contest against him. There could be no clearer indication of grassroots dissatisfaction with Mr Molyneaux's performance in his negotiations with Downing Street. The Unionist leader's discreet strategy has been based on the assumption that the Conservative Party was still predisposed to support the Unionist interest. That assumption has been shown to be unsafe. Mr Molyneaux may survive as party leader. But his approach to politics — one which he shared with Sir James — seems increasingly out of date.

In future, Unionists will doubtless be more pragmatic about political alliances. They will look not for historic affinities but for ways in which they can exercise political leverage. Mo Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, is already developing close links with the Unionist community. Senior members of Mr Molyneaux's party are talking seriously of close co-operation with the modernised Labour Party. Having declared his Government neutral on the future of the Union, Mr Major should not be surprised if the Unionists are now asking whether his opponents have something

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Damaged morale in Tory ranks

From Mr D. M. Naylor

Sir, I write as a lifelong supporter of the Conservative Party and as somebody who has actively promoted the party's interests over the last three years. Prior to that my duties as a professional soldier required me to be apolitical.

The Army taught me several virtues which those who today purport to represent a Conservative interest would do well to remember. Principal amongst them are loyalty, both upwards and downwards. Having had considerable contact with grassroots opinion in a number of constituency parties in the North East in recent months, I can but record the irritation and anger that many committed, well motivated party supporters feel when they read about the antics of our more voluble Euro-sceptic MPs, and Lord McAlpine when he pontificates about what in his view is best for the party (reports, March 16, 17). As for Mr Mellor, if what I read in the Sunday papers about his behaviour in Putney last Friday is only half true, he will have inflicted significant damage on the morale of party workers.

By all means engage in reasoned, civilised debate, but don't do it in such a way as to shoot down your own side.

Yours sincerely,
MURRAY NAYLOR,
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Huttons Ambo, York.
March 20.

From Mr R. J. Court

Sir, Mr John Patten (article, March 17) argues that future Conservative policy would be better worked out in government than in opposition, and in support of his case he points out that it was in government that Tory education policy was developed after 1979.

Sadly, those of us who work in education can think of no stronger argument for consigning the Conservatives to a spell of constructive cogitation in the wilderness than this: that education policy was apparently dreamt up "on the hoof" and that children suffered from daft decisions taken in haste and altered with bewildering rapidity.

If only all the untidy crossings-out had merely disfigured the papers of a harmless theoretical study; the think-as-you-act approach has left scars which could last for years.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT COURT
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March 17.

From Mr Nigel Lathom-Sharp

Sir, "Nappy puts Chancellor in the gaffe zone again", you report (March 17). Perhaps henceforth Mr Clarke should be known by the sobriquet "The Gaffer".

Yours truly,
NIGEL LATHOM-SHARP,
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March 17.

Rewriting Clause 4

From Mr P. C. Metcalfe

Sir, Sir George Grenfell-Baines (letter, March 18) is wrong about Margaret Thatcher having caused the rewriting of Clause 4. The credit should go to the sorely-missed SDP and its founders, Jenkins, Owen, Williams and Rodgers.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. METCALFE,
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Stevenage, Hertfordshire.
March 18.

From Mr S. V. Peskett

Sir, Are we to take the turgid prose and wayward phrasing of the Labour Party's latest declaration of aims as evidence of the decline in literacy standards under Conservative government or as a dreadful warning against entrusting education to the current Labour leaders? At least their 1917 predecessors could write clearly and cogently.

Yours faithfully,
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March 14.

Questions of faith

From Mrs Brenda Bowcock

Sir, After spending a critical time in hospital, where matters of life and death loom very close, I have now caught up with recent issues of *The Times*.

I am grateful to Matthew Parris (March 6) for raising the question of judgment and the afterlife which are deep within us all, unless we think that life has no meaning.

I also thank you for publishing the Bishop of London's dignified statement (March 14) and the Archbishop of York's illuminating article (March 15) on the delicacy and variety of our sexual natures.

Is it too much to hope that the media are maturing and beginning to turn away from the materialism and cynicism of recent years?

Yours faithfully,
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Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Decision to scrap Highland sleeper

From Mr Michael Dobson

Sir, At last it is official. British Rail has confirmed it is to scrap Motorail and drastically reduce sleeper services between England and Scotland in order to save £7 million a year (reports, March 16, 20; leader, March 20).

This decision has been made in order to improve the financial attractiveness of franchises in the privatisation programme of Britain's railways, a minuscule saving compared with the vast sums being spent on the bureaucracy set up to provide a smaller and fragmented rail network.

In March 1994 the Department of Transport announced to the travelling public that privatisation would not mean a reduction in services. In February this year the Scottish Office Minister, Sir Hector Monro, assured the Scottish Grand Committee that there would be no withdrawal of rail services without formal consultation under the Railways Act. Nothing that can be called consultation has happened, and these breaches of promise appear to be condoned by the rail regulator, despite his role as guardian of the interests of rail passengers.

This short-sighted decision will force more traffic from rail to road, with the attendant increases in congestion, road building and pollution, in contradiction of the recent recommendation by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution that resources should be switched from road to rail services and other forms of public transport (reports, October 29, 1994).

If the Prime Minister is serious about maintaining the unity of the United Kingdom, he would do well to order a review of this decision which will reduce the communications between England and Scotland, weaken the Scottish tourist industry and increase unemployment. Or, putting it in a way that Conservative politicians will understand, it won't help them to win votes in Scotland.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. DOBSON,
2a Peacock Lane,
Old Portsmouth, Hampshire.
March 16.

From Mr Hugh Raven

Sir, Your report and editorial of March 20 on the West Highland sleeper both draw attention to the long and dishonourable history of what can at best be described as confusion (not to say malice) in the booking system for the West Highlander.

We know of many recent examples of passengers who have been turned away when the train was not full, typical of which is the case of a party of skiers who in early February were definitively told there were no empty berths. Having booked their weekend in Fort William and being unable to use the sleeper, they took a train to Glasgow and a taxi for the remaining 120 miles, to find on arrival that the train had been far from full the previous night — a fact later corroborated by examination of BR's loading figures.

To veterans of previous service-closure battles, these cases have a very familiar ring. It is not hard to get a rail service to lose money if you refuse to sell tickets to people who wish to travel. Even though there appears to have been a campaign by British Rail to run down the service, our figures — confirmed by independent rail economists — show that the losses of the West Highlander are a fraction (less than a quarter) of those claimed by the Secretary of State for Transport and the franchising director.

Were the franchising director to allow open and fair consultation on his announced closure plans, these facts would no doubt influence the outcome. Instead he seems set on beginning the consultation only as the West Highlander is withdrawn. We are confident that our case would win the day — if only we can keep the service running beyond the threatened closure date of May 28.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH RAVEN
(Chairman, London Friends of the
West Highland Line),
14 Avondale Park Gardens, W11.
March 21.

From Mrs Catherine M. Money

Sir, When my husband and I telephoned to book a first-class sleeper to Fort William, we naively asked to book a table in the dining-car. The booking clerk told us that there was no dining-car on the service, but that we could have a snack in the one snack bar on the train.

How can a long-distance train service expect passengers paying the best part of £200 to get on a train at 20.00 and not provide them with a meal? This service could be the envy of the world; but with a polystyrene cup of coffee and a cotton-wool sandwich as the lure, it can hardly be considered one of the greatest train journeys of the world.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. MONEY,
Biddles Farm,
Chobham, Woking, Surrey.

Housing homeless

From Mr K. E. Wills

Sir, The High Court ruling that local authorities are not under an obligation to provide permanent council accommodation for the homeless (report, March 10) represents a welcome victory for common sense and should redound to the benefit of the homeless themselves, private landlords, and the community as a whole.

The need for council-owned housing to be financially self-supporting, the high cost of building and maintaining property, and political resistance to the transfer of such accommodation to housing trusts have all combined to place an almost intolerable burden on many local authorities; and this in turn has led to inevitably large increases in rents and in council tax.

The private sector is better equipped than local authorities to provide the accommodation required and, provided that the financing is properly arranged, private landlords would, in normal circumstances, be more willing to renew than to terminate the short-term leases contemplated.

The proviso is important, though; recent moves by the Department of Social Security announced in the Budget (reports, November 30, 1994), to reduce the circumstances in which housing benefit may be claimed are not helpful in solving this urgent social problem.

It is disgraceful that there should be homeless people in a civilised society — the more so because it is totally unnecessary.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
K. E. WILLS
(Managing Director),
Commercial Group Holdings,
2-16 High Street, Margate, Kent.
March 10.

A-level standards

From Mr Anthony Smith

Sir, I was surprised to read the letter from Dr P. J. Holt (March 9) suggesting that "quite substantial sections of really important, well-established A-level mathematics" have been omitted from our new 1996 A-level pure mathematics syllabus.

Although ten lines which were in the 1995 syllabus have been omitted from the 1996 version, 37 lines appear in the 1996 version which were not in the 1995 version.

It is true that a number of topics which did appear in the first two of the four pure mathematics modules have been deleted. This was not of our doing but was as a result of the new A-level subject core for mathematics which the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority imposed upon all GCE boards. This subject core, though, also introduced some extra topics which are not in our 1995 syllabus.

However, the University of London Examinations and Assessment Council is so committed to maintaining standards that everything which we were required to delete from the first two modules was then added to the remaining two.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SMITH
(Chief Executive),
University of London
Examinations & Assessment Council,
32 Russell Square, WC1.

Odette, GC

From Mrs Stella McGurk

Sir, Few of us are lucky enough to meet our heroes — fewer still, if we do, find they live up to our elevated expectations. So I was specially fortunate to have met Odette Hallowes, GC (obituary, March 17).

Some 40 years ago, as a fairly naive 12-year-old and against my parents' instruction, I took Lord Russell of Liverpool's *The Scourge of the Swastika* from their highest bookshelf and saw photographs of Nazi concentration camp atrocities that shocked and haunted me. But lower down on the same shelves my mother found the perfect antidote — Jerrard Tickell's *Odette*. Reading about Odette's endurance through appalling wartime circumstances, I found then, and continue to find, her story an ongoing source of strength.

I always hoped I might meet her, but some 20 years went by until I was able to do so. I was not disappointed — fun, as cussed as one would imagine, and always interested in young people and new ideas.

We met on several occasions and talked on the phone until recently. I know that as a result of her experiences she suffered constant pain but she didn't complain, neither did she dwell in the past.

A recent book about her (*Odette Churchill* by Catharine Sanders, 1989), said: "Her story reveals a remarkable spirit, one which survived intact and never lost faith in humankind." Best of all are Odette's own words: "I am a very ordinary woman to whom a chance has been given to see human beings at their best and at their worst . . . I completely believe in the potential nobility of the human spirit."

Yours faithfully,
STELLA McGURK,
42 Hazlebury Road, SW6.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

Snipping of dogs' tails in the dock

From Mr Michael Adams

Sir, Anyone who has enjoyed the companionship and spectacle of an English springer spaniel ranging over open countryside and springing game from the undergrowth will know how important it is that its tail is docked. They will be as dismayed as I am by the threatened "crackdown" on docking by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (report, March 17).

The docking operation is needed to save the animal's back from being pulled and damaged when the energy the spaniel exerts to crash its way courageously and blindly onwards, come what may, is transmitted to its spine when its tail is inevitably caught in brambles and brushwood. Anyone who has seen a springer in full cry will understand this. Perhaps too few vets at the Royal College have enjoyed a country upbringing.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ADAMS,
The Willows,
Dulcote, Wells, Somerset.
March 17.

From Miss C. F. Le Bars

Sir, I would prefer to believe that the reason why the majority of my fellow vets are choosing to abide by the RCVS's code of conduct regarding the docking of canine tails is because they believe the practice to be unnecessary and inhumane, rather than, as some breeders suggest, because we are "frightened of being disciplined".

When will shortsighted breeders and judges understand that a tailless puppy is an abysmal comment on man's behaviour towards his "best friend"? We do not mutilate cats in this fashion; yet, as every vet knows, feline appendages frequently suffer an extraordinary variety of mishaps.

Yours etc,
KATE Le BARS,
Stonesthrow, Barnsley,
Near Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Race and journalism

From Dr Beulah Ainley

Sir, Roy Greenslade's "The classless media myth" (Media and Marketing, March 8) was a brave attempt to look at the problem of the under-representation of blacks and Asians in the British media. However, his article did not put much emphasis on the main cause of the problem, which is racism. Instead, it indicated that lack of funding was the main reason why so few non-whites are in the media.

In my recent study, *Blacks and Asians in the British Media*, carried out at the London School of Economics, none of the 100 black and Asian journalists questioned indicated that getting funds was a problem because most never got an interview, especially if their name sounded foreign.

What the media need to do generally, and journalism courses in particular, is to look at their equal opportunities policies, if they have any, to see if they are working.

Yours sincerely,
BEULAH AINLEY,
1 Vicarage Road, E15.
March 14.

Diplomatic divide

From Dr Peter Burville

Sir, The term "mending fences" is frequently used when relationships between people, even presidents and prime ministers (headline, page one, March 16), are in need of repair.

At first viewing this seems strange as fences keep people apart rather than bringing them together; but then one realises that the less neighbours see or hear of each other the less likely they are to quarrel.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. BURVILLE,
Sea Gate, Goodwin Road,
St Margaret's Bay, Dover, Kent.

Last chance saloon?

From Mr Robi Neogy

Sir, I have always suspected that whoever created this universe could not have been sober at the time. Perhaps the recently discovered trillions of litres of alochol in outer space (report, March 18) explains the reason why.

Yours sincerely,
R. NEOGY,
15 Dale View Avenue,
North Chingford, E4.
March 18.

From Mr Carlos Larrea

Sir, We should all wait awefully for God's wrath to fall shortly upon us, now that with this ultimate act of sheer arrogance and utter conceit we have had the nerve to uncover the contents of His private cellar.

Yours sincerely,
CARLOS LARREA,
15 Gleneagle Road, SW16.
March 18.

From Mr E. M. Holt

Sir, The astronomers have got it wrong. It's not the bar that they have discovered at the end of the universe, it is obviously heaven.

Yours sincerely,
E. M. HOLT,
Frieze Farm, Crowsley,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
March 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from *HMY Britannia* this morning and drove to St George's Cathedral, Cape Town.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Archbishop of Cape Town (the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu) and attended a Service to mark Human Rights Day.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Reception at City Hall and were received by the Mayor of Cape Town (the Reverend William Bantom).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, this afternoon laid a Wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery and met veterans.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards honoured Mr Hernus Kriel (Premier of the Western Cape) and Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson (Chairman, Anglo-American) with her presence at *Luncheon at* Vergelegen Old Farmhouse.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later visited Khayelitsha Township and toured Philani Nutrition Centre and met members of the Triple Trust organisation.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently visited Langa *Sportsground where His* Royal Highness presented a minibus to Cricket in the Townships.

This evening The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a Reception given by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency *Sir Anthony Reeve) at the* High Commissioner's Residence.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the Arrival of The King of Norway and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 21: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended a Photographic Auction at Coutts and Company, 440 Strand, London, WC2. Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 21: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning visited the fund's shop, 159 King Street, Great Yarmouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

Her Royal Highness, President, International League for the Protection of Horses, later opened the new Riding for the Disabled Association visitors' centre at Overa House Farm, Larling, and visited the new Headquarters at Anne Colvin House, Snetterton.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Black Sheep Limited, 9 Penfold Street, Aylsham. The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, RedR, Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Working Dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1-7 Great George Street, London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
Marsh 21: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Major Raymond Seymour at the Memorial Service for Colonel W.H. Whitbread which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall this morning.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 21: The Prince of Wales this afternoon viewed the exhibition "Poussin Drawings from the Royal Collection" at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, London SE21.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, later opened the St Giles Trust Centre for Homeless People, Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell, London SE5. Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, The King's *Library Trust, this* evening gave a Dinner at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Princess of Wales *this evening* attended the opening of Richard Avedon's exhibition "Evidence 1944-1994" at the National Portrait Gallery, London WC2. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 21: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Roxburghshire and was received on arrival by Her *Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Roxburgh,* Ettrick and Lauderdale (The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry).

In the morning His Royal Highness *opened the renovated* Drumlanrig's Tower, Hawick and subsequently attended a Luncheon at Hawick Town Hall.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited St Mary's School, Abbey Park, Melrose to mark the School's Centenary Year.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland at a Memorial Service for Colonel William Whitbread which was held in St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London EC2 ths morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 21: The Duke of Kent, President, the Scout Association, this morning received Mr Shoichi Saba, Board Chairman, the Boy Scouts of Nippon and Mr Garth *Morrison, Chief Scout.*

The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this morning visited St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

Memorial services

Colonel W. H. Whitbread

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by Major R. Seymour at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel William Henry Whitbread held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Rev David Burgess officiated and the Rev Peter Curgenven led the prayers. Miss Flora Whitbread, granddaughter, read the lesson. Mr Billy Whitbread, son, read from the writings of Lord Grey of Falloden. Viscount Leverhulme, KG, gave an address.

The Lord Mayor was represented by the Swordbearer, Colonel J.C.M. Ansell. Among others present were:

Mrs Whitbread (widow), Mr and Mrs Michael Whitbread (son and daughter-in-law), Sir Lyonel and Lady Tollemache and Mr and Mrs Edward Fremantle (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs I M R Dobie (daughter), Mrs Billy Whitbread (daughter-in-law), Katherine and Anne Freemantle, Mrs Henrietta Chubb, Mr and Mrs Richard Tollemache, Miss Katheryne Tollemache, Mr Thomas Tollemache (grandchildren), Mr Humphrey Whitbread (brother-in-law), Mrs Simon Whitbread (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Sam Whitbread, Mrs Elizabeth Bennett, Major and Mrs Thomas St Aubyn, Mr and Mrs Joseph Studholme, Mr Ronald Capel Cure and other members of the family.

Lady Freyberg, Lord Kimball, Lady Denham, Lady Mountevans, Lady Katherine Grant, Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Richard Baker Wilbraham, Sir Harry Llewellyn, Sir Michael Angus (chairman, Whitbread) with Mr Peter Jarvis (chief executive), Mr Michael Hampson, Mr Alan Perelman, Mr David Thomas, Mr Miles Templeman, Mr Wess van Riemsdijk, Mr Bill Shannon and Mr Nicholas Redman with other past and present members of staff.

Sir Piers and Lady Bengough, Sir Henry Moore, Sir Frederick Mason, Sir Michael Franklin, General Sir Cecil Blacker, Sir Charles and Lady Tidbury, Sir Paul and Lady Nicholson, Mr David Russell, Mrs John Charrington, Mr Jason Russell, Mrs Rupert Gosling, Mr Andrew Tidbury, Mr Hugh Tidbury, Mrs Peter Afia, Mgr A N Gilbey, Mrs P Curgenven, Mr Henry Band, Captain and Mrs David Kennedy, Mr Geoffrey West, Mr Tim Neligan, Mrs E Norman-Butler, Captain Francis Burne, Mr and Mrs Michael Forbes Cable, Mr David Wright, Mr Hugh Whitcombe, Mr Ian Bond, Mr Billy Carbutt, Mr Richard Sowerby, Mr Bill Knight, Mr John Sparks, Mr Simon Corbett, Mr John Fox, Mr Martin Broughton, Mr Peter Allfrey, Mr Ewart Boddington, Mr and Mrs Nicky Henderson, Mr Derek Wise, Mr Ian McNeil, Mr Henry Buxton, Mr Richard Steel, Mr A Byrne, Mr and Mrs John Woodrow, Mr Robert Stubbs, Mr and Mrs Richard Worsley, Mr Mark R Allsopp, Mr and Mrs David Pritchard-Barrett, Mr and Mrs John Henderson, Mr and Mrs Richard Martineau, Mr and Mrs Martin Findlay, Mr D Brown.

Mr R I Turner (Upper Warden, Brewers' Company) with Mr C W Dallmeyer (clerk); Mr Anthony Fuller (Fuller Smith and Turner), Mr David Bulmer (H P Bulmer), Mr Robin Simpson (Brewers' and Licensed Retailers' Association), Mr Andrew Buxton (Barclays Bank), Mr Bruno L Schroder (Schroders), Mr N W Geering and Mr Robert Benton (James Capel), Mr Christopher Brain (S A Brain and Company), Major Michael Webster (Sandown Racecourse). *Mr Michael Wates (Jockey Club),* Mr D F Benson (Shire Horse Society), Mr John R Sclater (Trinity Foot Beagles), Mrs Jane Tuckwell (Badminton Horse Trials), Mr Edward Harford (Beaufort Hunt), Mr Hugh Humfrey (Rutland Polo Club), Major Tim Taylor (Director of Horse Trials, British Horse Society), Major Michael Leslie Melville (Lovat Scouts), Mr Roland Wilcock (Reconnaissance Training Centre), Mr Gerald Barrow (RAC War Memorial Benevolent Fund), Commissioner Martin King (St John Ambulance, Surrey), Mr M McCrum (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Dr A H Button (Chairman of Governors, Aldenham School, Elstree), and Mr G Ramsden and Mrs Moira Finlay (Opera Omnibus).

Lord Nelson of Stafford

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Nelson of Stafford was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. The Hon James Nelson, son, read the lesson and Lord Nelson of Stafford, son, read from the works of Henry Scott Holland. Mr Sebastian de Ferranti gave an address. Mrs Lucy Charlampowicz, soprano, sang *Ave Maria* and *Pie Jesu.* Among those present were:

Pamela Lady Nelson of Stafford (widow), Mr Michael and the Hon Mrs Ford and Mr Peter and the Hon Mrs Tritton (sons-in-law and daughters), Lady Nelson of Stafford and the Hon Mrs James Nelson (daughters-in-law), the Hon Alistair Nelson, the Hon Sarah Jane Nelson, Camilla Nelson, Mr James Ford, Mr Andrew Ford and Jonathan and Emma Tritton (grandchildren), the Hon Mrs Price (sister), Mr Richard Jarrett, Mr Jonathan Jarrett, Mrs Elizabeth Jarrett, Miss Sue Price, Mr and Mrs Mark Etheridge, Mr and Mrs Robert Kimber, Miss Amanda Kimber, Mr T Kimber and Mr Nicholas Kimber.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Waterford, Viscount Caldecote, Lord Orr-Ewing, Lord Tombs (Prime Warden, Goldsmiths' Company), Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Flowers, Lord Nathan, Lord Haslam, Lord Carr of Hadley, Lord Aldington, Lord Laing of Dunphail, Lord King of Wartnaby, Lady Carrington, Lord Sherfield, Lord Dormer, Lord Walton of Detchant, Lord Sherfield, Field-Marshal Lord Carver.

Lord Weinstock, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, Mr Michael Lefter, Mr Malcolm Bates, Mr David Newlands and the Hon Simon Weinstock (directors, GEC) with Mr Kelvin Bray (director, GEC Alsthom); the Hon Geoffrey and Mrs Wilson, Sir Eric and Lady Yarrow, Lady Paget, Sir Anthony Touche, Sir Robert Telford, Sir Richard and Lady Young, Sir Austin Pearce, Lady Villiers, Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Robert Davidson, Sir Edward Ford, Sir George and Lady Blunden, Sir Michael Clapham, Lady Weir, Sir Arthur Norman, Sir Robert Scholey, Sir Ronald Melville, Sir Kenneth Bond, Sir David Steel, Sir William Barlow (president, Royal Academy of Engineering), Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, Sir Robert Clark, Dame Felicity Peake, Sir Reay Geddes, Sir Maurice Laing.

Mr Eddie George (Governor, Bank of *England), Colonel David Mark* Tatlow (representing the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, also representing the chairman, Wedgwood Museum), Eur Ing George F W Adler (Institution of Mechanical Engineers), Mr Gordon Gaddes (director general, BEAMA), Mr and Mrs Fraser Bird (Grimersta Estate), Mr Geoff McGarry (D Napier and Son), Mr A F Vessey (Deltic Preservation Society), Mrs Angela Conning (CBI), Mr Brett Emblin and Mrs Emblin (hon secretary, The Presidents' Club), Miss Joan Brittan (Staffordshire Society), Mr Christopher Melluish (director, Lazard Investors), Mr M R Nicholas and Mr Ivor Kirman (INCO), Miss Mary Penn and Miss Hilary Footer (Sino-British Trade Council), Mr Paul D G Hayter, Mr and Mrs Clive Hunting, Mr Bill Cash, MP, and Mrs Cash, Mr Christopher Thompson, Mrs John Tritton, Mr Donald Scott, Mr Hugh Harris, Mr Douglas Eadie, Dr W Rizk, Mr Arthur Wright, Dr David Atterton and Mr P D J Hippisley-Cox, Mr John Smoker, Mr Christopher Heath, Mr Philip *German-Ribon.*

Birthdays today

Lord Alport, 83; Miss Laraine Ashton, fashion models agent, 49; Mr George Benson, singer and guitarist, 52; Mr R.A. Bethell, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 73; Viscount Bolingbroke, 68; Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 67; Miss Sheila Cameron, QC, Vicar-General of the Province of Canterbury, 61; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 76; Mr Philip Ely, former President, Law Society, 59; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 46; Mr D.C. Ingman, former chairman, British Waterways Board, 67; the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost Emeritus of Blackburn, 69; Professor Harry Kay, former Vice-Chancellor, Exeter University, 76; Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, 47; M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 72; Mr R.P. Mardling, Principal, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, 51; Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, LG, 79; Mr Alan Opie, *baritone, 50;* Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 78; Sir Lynden Pindling, former Prime Minister of the Bahamas, 65; Sir Bryan Roberts, QC, 72; Mr Paul Schockemöhle, *showjumper,* 50; Mr William Shatner, actor, 64; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 65.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the annual meeting of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's Palace at 2.55.

The Prince of Wales will be admitted as an honorary liveryman of the Carpenters' Company at Carpenters' Hall at 12.45; and, as Patron of the Albert Memorial Trust, will visit the Albert Memorial at 3 and attend a reception at Kensington Gore to launch the trust.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, will visit the Village Club, Bermondsey Village Hall, Kirby Grove, SE1, at 6.30; will visit Aylesbury Youth Club, Walworth, at 7.30; and will visit Walworth Youth Club at 8.30.

Princess Margaret, President of the NSPCC, will attend a dinner at Spencer House at 8.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Honorary Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, will attend a dinner at Middle Temple Hall at 7.15.

Latest wills

Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Cuthbert **Hudleston**, of St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, a former Vice-Chief of the Air Staff and Commander-in-Chief of Allied Air Forces in Central Europe, left estate valued at £83,352 net.

Group Captain Stewart Gordon **Wise**, of Broadway, Worcestershire, one of the earliest and most successful RAF photographic reconnaissance pilots of the last war, left estate valued at £338,573 net.

Major General George Oswald **Crawford**, of Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, former Director of Ordnance Service at the War Office, and an ADC to the Queen 1954-55, left estate valued at £217,931 net.

The Hon Mrs Rosemary Gertrude Alexandra **Whetherly**, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £6,360,865 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr Jack **Aldridge**, of Newcastle, Staffordshire .... £684,485.
Mrs Evelyn **Bleazard**, of Poulton le Fylde, Lancashire........ £696,616.
Mr Samuel John **Brooks**, of Burton upon Trent............£781,185.
Mr Ernest **Brown**, of Pinner, west London........................... £1,275,948.

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence at Admiralty House in honour of Lieutenant-General Julius Humaj, Deputy Chief of General Staff, the Slovak Armed Forces.

Victory (Services) Association

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Jonathan Charkham, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Council of *the Victory (Services) Association* yesterday at the Victory Services Club. Admiral Sir Brian Brown, president, presided. Among those present were:

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Countess of Ilchester, Viscount Slim, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald, General Sir John Akehurst, General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, General Sir Brian Kenny, Air Chief *Marshal Sir David* Lee, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ross.

Service dinner

The Green Howards

The King of Norway, Colonel of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), was the guest of hon*our at a dinner held last night at* Boodle's. Brigadier Richard Dannatt, Colonel of the Regiment, was the host.

Dinners

United & Cecil Club

Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United & Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Sydney Chapman, MP. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided.

Society of Knights of the Round Table

Major-General M.J. Walsh, Knight President of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Middle Temple for members of the society and guests.

Constructors' Company

Mr Denis Blackburn, Master of the Constructors' Company, presented a cheque to Mr Ivan Pratt, Secretary of the Stroke Association, at a ladies dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. The Master presided. Mr Roger Pincham and Mr P.A. Everett, Senior Warden, also spoke.

Queen Mary and Westfield College

Mr Martin Harris, Chairman of the Council of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Professor Graham Zellick, principal, presided at a dinner held last night at the college after the admission as Fellows of the college of the Rev Joyce Bennett, Sir Peter Levene, Mr Martin *Paisner* and Mr Arnold Wesker.

School news

The John Lyon School, Harrow

Scholarships for September 1995 have been awarded to:

At 11+: Daniel Bennett (Dr Triplett's), Christopher Cashman (Roxeth), *Jason Choy (St Bernadette's), Craig* Heasman (Field End), Jeffrey Leach (Orley Farm), Toby Pillinger — Music (Aylward), David Siew (Northwood), Adam Street (Warrender), John-Joseph Wilks (Hillside).

At 13+: Andrew Silke (Alpha) *Stephen Greek (Quainton Hall)* Samuel Foster (Orley Farm).

The school is a registered charity, No 310033.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Baldwin
and Miss C.J. Brown

The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of the Rev Dr and Mrs John Baldwin, of Llandaff, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Brown, of Tunbridge Wells.

Mr P.T.C. *Bayliss*
and Miss K.R. de M. Woodhouse

The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of Mr Jeremy and the Hon Mrs Bayliss, of Swallowfield, Berkshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Woodhouse, of Lockeridge, Wiltshire.

Mr D.M. Bennett
and Miss S.M. Roy

The engagement is announced between David Miles, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Bennett, of Borden, Kent, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Roy, of Skerries, Co Dublin.

Mr T.W. Falcon
and Miss A.C. Fairclough

The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Falcon, of Shepherds Hill, Kent, and Annabel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Fairclough, of Dunsfold, Surrey.

Mr E. Farquhar
and Miss N. Stone

The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Sir Michael and Lady Farquhar, of Manor Farm, West Kington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stone, of Ozleworth *Park, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.*

Captain R.T. Goodman
and Miss G.K. Cranmer-Brown

The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Goodman, Adjutant General's Corps, younger son of Mr B.J. Goodman, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and Mrs M.H. Winter, of Brighton, Sussex, and Georgina, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cranmer-Brown, of Kingwood Common, Oxfordshire.

Mr L.A. Halpern
and Miss L.D. Katz

The engagement is announced between Louis, son of Mr and Mrs David Halpern, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Katz.

Mr B. Huish
and Miss J. Lecky-Thompson

The engagement is announced between Barnaby Huish, of Brancepeth Castle, County Durham, only son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Huish, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Lecky-Thompson, of Saffron Walden.

Mr J.P. Knight
and the Hon H.M. Renfrew

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr Philip Knight, of Otford, Kent, and Mrs Hilary Howlett, of Blackheath, London, and Helena, daughter of Lord and Lady Ren*frew of* Kaimsthorn, of Jesus College, Cambridge.

Mr R.A. Lewis
and Miss L.J. Steyn

The engagement *is announced* between Robert, son of Mrs Kathleen Lewis, of Cheadle, Cheshire, and Linda, elder daughter of Lord Steyn, of Swafield, Norfolk, and Mrs Jean Steyn, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and stepdaughter of Lady Steyn.

Mr D.G. Oliver
and Miss S.R. Grattan-Bellew

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs George Oliver, of Eungai Creek, New South Wales, and Sophie Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bertram Grattan-Bellew, of Great Waldingfield, Suffolk.

Mr S.G. Owen
and *Miss S.R. Goodall*

The engagement is announced between Stephen, second son of the late Professor Joslyn Owen, CBE, and of Mrs Mary Owen, of Exeter, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Goodall, of Oxford.

Mr C.G. Parrott
and Miss S.F. Johnston

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr G.R.D. Parrott, of Shinness, Sutherland, and of Mrs D.J. Ewing-Furlonger, of London, SW3, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R.C. Johnston, of Beaumont, Cumbria.

Weekend Marriage

Mr J.G.E. Monson
and Lady Rose FitzRoy

The marriage took place at St Genevieve's Church, Euston, Suffolk, on Friday, March 17, 1995, between Mr Guy Monson, son of Major the Hon Jeremy and Mrs Monson, and Lady Rose FitzRoy, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Grafton. Canon Sally Fogden officiated. Mr John Micklethwait was best man.

A luncheon was held at Euston Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Anthony Van Dyck, painter, Antwerp, 1599; William *Pulteney, Earl of Bath, statesman,* London, 1684; Edward Moore, writer, Abingdon, Berkshire, 1712; Adam Sedgwick, geologist and dalesman, Dent, Yorkshire, 1785; *William I, King of Prussia 1861-88,* German Emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1797; Carl Rosa, founder of the opera company bearing his name, Hamburg, 1842; "Chico" Marx, actor and comedian, New York, 1891; Nicholas Monsarrat, novelist, Liverpool, 1910; Gerard Hoffnung, artist, humorist and musician, Berlin, 1925.

DEATHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Paris, 1687; Jonathan Edwards, theologian, Princeton, 1758; John Canton, scientist, 1772; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, Weimar, Germany, 1832; Thomas Hughes, politican and author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays,* Brighton, 1896; Frederick William Farrar, writer of school stories and Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Canterbury, 1903; Michael Todd, film magnate, *killed in an air crash, New Mexico,* 1958.

Because of a drought the American side of the Niagara Falls ran short of water, 1903.

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ALDOUS - On 18th March 1995, to Amanda (née Jordan) and Christopher, a son, Guy Hugo Jeremy, a brother for Rupert.

CHEESEWRIGHT - On 12th March 1995 at The Matilda and War Memorial Hospital, Hong Kong, to Rowena (née Whitehead) and James, a son, Harry James Michael, a brother for Olivia.

COHEN-SMITH - On March 12th, 1995, in France, to Marie-Paule and Martin, a son, David Michael.

COUPE - On 16th March 1995, to Sara (née Pilbro) and Tom, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Victoria Pilbro. A playmate for Harry.

CROOK - On 16th March 1995, to Helen (née Gebathuler) and Timothy, a son, Nicholas Hugo, a brother for Jennifer.

de BRUYNE - On 17th March, to Peter and Muffi (née Hise), a son, Nicholas Adrian.

DOWDEN - On March 20th, to Georgina (née Thesiger) and David, a son, Charles.

KENNEDY - On 16th March 1995, to Annie (née Muirhead) and John, a daughter, Phoebe Felicity Muirhead.

MUNDY - On March 20th in Washington D.C., to Fiona (née Neville) and Justin Mundy, a second son, Thomas Alexander Charles Hainault.

PALMER - To Jane and David, a daughter, Danielle, on 19th March 1995, a sister for Marc.

PICCININNI - On March 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Bernadette and Nicholas, a daughter, Isabella, sister to Mia, Gabrielle and Thomas.

QUICK-SIMES - On March 14th, in London, to Jill Quick and David Simes, a beautiful daughter, Rowena *Elizabeth* Quick.

RICHARDS - On March 14th at home, to Joanna (née Prosser) and James, a son, William Laurence John, a brother for Isabel and Thomas.

STANFORD-DURKIN - On 14th March 1995, to Emma Penelope Lyndon-Stanford and Oliver Patrick Durkin, a son, Orson Diarmaid Lyndon.

STONEHILL - On 16th March 1995, to Siân (née Powell) and Charles, a son, Archibald (Archie) Ian Harry, a brother for Lucy, Kate and James.

SYKES - On March 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura (née Stephenson) and Andrew, a beautiful son, Sam Richard, a brother for Amelia and Matthew.

TAYLOR - *Patricia* and Andrew are delighted to welcome Adam Joseph, born March 20th, brother to Sinéad and Elise.

WALKER - On March 16th, to Rosey (née Tuck) and Adrian, a son.

WATKINS - On 19th March 1995, to Tanya (née Reading) and Richard, a son, Alexei.

YATES - Henry Peter Kingston. Born March 17th, son of Mark and Penny (née Woods).

DEATHS

ANDERMAN - Henry Bernard (Bim), died peacefully 18th March 1995, aged 84. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium West Chapel, on *Thursday March* 23rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to CBF World Jewish Relief, 30 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AN.

ASHALL - Geoffrey, much loved son, brother, father and friend. Died suddenly at his home in Bangor, Northern Ireland, March 17th 1995. Funeral Service 12.30 pm. Friday March 24th at Carnalea Methodist Church, Bangor West and Clandeboye Cemetery. Flowers to Gray & Co., Funeral Directors, 74 Central Avenue, Bangor, tel: (01247) 271148. Donations, if preferred, to NCH or charity of own choice.

BOORMAN - On March 19th peacefully, Edward James (Ted), devoted and much loved husband of Molly, dearest father of Peter and Sue, John and Wendy, adored grandad of Sarah and Julie, Oliver and Tom. Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 28th March at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, tel: (0892) 522462.

CADOGAN - On March 16th, suddenly in hospital, Oliver, much loved brother, uncle and friend. Interment at Boldre Church at 12 noon on 28th March.

CARTWRIGHT - James Dudley (Ginger) Capt. RN, DSC. Died peacefully 20th March 1995, dearly beloved husband of Terry, father of Claire and Nigel. Friend of so many people all over the world. Funeral Service Saturday 25th March 11.30am St Saviours Church, Dartmouth. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Rowcroft Hospice c/o R.C. Pillar & Sons Ltd., Anzac Street, Dartmouth, Devon, tel: (01803) 832121.

DAVIES - On March 20th, peacefully, Max Emil, beloved father of Susannah and Gillian, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private funeral on March 31st. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The National Trust.

de LACEY - On 16th March, 1995 peacefully at the Oak Unit Savernake Hospital, Marlborough, Nora aged 86 years. Dearly loved sister of the late Dr. Bill de Lacey of Swindon and most beloved aunt of Tessa, Felicity, Patricia and Michael. Funeral Service will be held at St Thomas More Church, George Lane, Marlborough on Monday, 27th March at 10 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Alzheimers Disease Society, 10 Greencoat Place, London.

EATON-MATTHEWS - On March 17th peacefully after a long illness at the Convent of the Incarnation, Oxford, Sister Jane SLG, aged 67. Much loved aunt of Sylvia and Anthony. Memorial Service to be announced.

FARROW - On 19th March 1995, suddenly and peacefully, at Rusthall Lodge, Tunbridge Wells, in his 92nd year. Dr. Maurice Duncan, Officer - Order of Oranje-Nassau, Phd BSc (1st class), ARCS (1st class), DIC. Widower of Mary, beloved father of John (deceased), *David and Robin,* brother of Donald, uncle of Susan and half-uncle of Lewis, and much respected grandfather of five. Formerly of "Bartons" Bidborough and Java/Far East. Past Chairman Council Rubber Growers Association. Director J.A. Wattie and Tiedeman and Van Kerchem. During World War II Head of Economic Recovery Section Netherlands East Indies Government, Brisbane and afterwards Head of Netherlands East Indies Section Dutch Marshall Plan Office, Hague. Chairman Board of Control Indonesian Rubber Research Institute (1952-62) and Chairman Indonesian Association, London (1965-69). Funeral, Kent and Sussex Crematorium on 31st March at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

FEGEN - On 20th March 1995, peacefully in hospital, Joan Mary (Joanna), widow of Peter, mother of Patrick and Caroline. Funeral Wednesday 29th March 2.30pm at *Holy Trinity* Church, Weston, nr. Hitchin, Herts. Family flowers only.

FRANKS - Mollie, beloved mother of Heather, Christine and Jeremy, peacefully at Broadway House, Church Stoke, on Sunday 19th March. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium at 9.20 am on Tuesday 28th March and afterwards at Broadway House. Donations to St Nicholas Church, Church Stoke.

FRIEDLANDER - On 17th March 1995, Dr. Peter Horace Friedlander, M.D., F.R.C.P. of Holt, Norfolk, formerly of Barnes, London, after a short illness at home, aged 74 years. Loving husband of the late Penny and father of Tim. Funeral private.

GARETY - Our beloved little Dominic, aged 2, tragically passed away on Monday 20th March after a very brave fight, in South Africa. Desperately missed by brother Patrick and parents Lorna and Christopher.

GIBBONS - Ambrosine Marie (Amber née Gough) of Abergavenny, Gwent, much loved widow of Tom, sister to Hugo, mother of Mary Jane and James and adoring grandmother, died peacefully and happily after several months of illness on March 20th in the wonderful care of the Staff of Abergavenny Ward, Nevill Hall Hospital. Funeral Mass at Our Lady and St Michael's Church, Abergavenny at noon on Monday 27th March, followed by private burial. Family flowers only - donations in lieu to Funeral Directors, Philip Goode, Castle Street, Abergavenny, Gwent (tel: 01873 853151) to be used for much needed equipment for Abergavenny Ward.

GREEN - On March 20th 1995, Elinor Margaret Louise, aged 17 years, beloved eldest daughter of Tim and Angie and sister to Juliette and Richard. Funeral at Parish Church, Shiplake, Oxon, at 2 pm Friday 24th March. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to M.R.J.R. Adolescent Unit Appeal, John Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

HILDYARD - On Monday 20th March 1995, at home, Angus Jeremy Christopher Hildyard, beloved of Alison, Nicholas and Charlotte. Funeral Friday 24th March at 2 pm at St Patrick's Church, Patrington, nr. Hull, East Yorkshire. He requested no flowers, but donations to *The Fabric Fund of St* German Church, Winestead c/o The Rector, The Rectory, Patrington.

HOBBS - On March 20th 1995, peacefully at Oakhurst Manor *Nursing* Home, Hildenborough, Kent. Beatrice Alice Sophia (née Pocock) aged 92 years. Formerly of South Croydon, widow of Cecil, dear mother of Peter, mother-in-law of Sarah and devoted grandmother of Christopher, Thomas and Nicholas. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Wednesday March 29th at 12.30 pm, followed by interment at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Chelsham. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu for R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LD.

HOLLAND - Christopher Ralli, husband of Christine, son of Nita and the late Richard, father to Jan and Mark, stepfather to Christine's children, died suddenly at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on Saturday 18th March. Funeral to be arranged.

HOLLAND - On March 19th 1995 aged 64 years peacefully in Odiham Cottage Hospital, Rita Elizabeth Holland, beloved wife of Leslie and dear mother of Linda and Diane. Funeral Service on Monday March 27th at 12.15 pm at Mattingly Parish Church, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to A & W Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire tel: (0252) 616431. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research.

KERSHAW - On 19th March, Margaret Joan of Burnham Market (formerly of Sherborne School for Girls) in her 91st year after a short illness. Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30 pm. Memorial Service at St Margarets Church, Burnham Norton on Sunday 21st May at 11 am. Flowers or donations for St Margarets Church c/o John Lincoln Funeral Director, 40 Greevegate, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

LABORDE - On 18th March, Charles Dalrymple, aged 81 years, of Adderbury. Beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Sarah and stepfather of Anthony and Rosalind and a much loved grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Services will be announced at a later date. Enquiries to J & M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon., tel: (01295) 265424.

LOEWENDAHL - On Sunday 12th March, Benjamin aged 78, beloved husband of Daphne, dear father of Edward, David and Anne, brother of Zeev of the Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem. Funeral took place at Golders Green Crematorium 17th March.

LOVELESS - On March 19th 1995, peacefully, in his 84th year, Kenneth Norman Joseph M.B.E., V.R.D., F.S.A., F.S.A. (Scot), Hon R.N.R., Priest, fortified by the Rites of Holy Church. Requiem Mass at Holy Trinity, Hoxton, London N1, on a date to be announced, followed by burial at sea. A Memorial Service will be arranged for a date which it is hoped will be convenient for as many as possible of his friends from the Morris Ring of England and from the numerous Naval and other organisations with which he was associated.

MacDOUGALL - Group Captain Alexander MacDougall C.B.E. (Sandy) aged 87, died peacefully in The Bristol Royal Infirmary, dearly loved by his wife and family. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, on Friday March 24th at 12 noon, family flowers only. *Friends* who wish to make a remembrance should do so by making a contribution to The Royal Airforce Association, 43 Grove Park Road, London.

MORRISON - Hedy, on March 17th, peacefully after a short illness, at St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, St John's Wood, London, wife of the late Thomas J. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Frognal Lane, London NW3, to be followed by private cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research in memory of Hedy Morrison c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Road, London NW11 7RR.

NICHOLLS - Ernest James, died as a result of a stroke Saturday 18th March. Funeral will take place at Croydon Crematorium 10.15 am on Friday 24th March. No flowers please but donations to the Macmillan Fund.

PRICE - On 20th March, Commander Edward Donald Price RN, husband of Brenda. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Monday 27th March at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society. Enquiries to Wakely Bros., (01935) 79913.

PRITCHARD - Peggy, at home with her family, passed away on 21st March 1995, aged 77. Funeral Service Monday 27th March at 1.30 pm at All Saints Church, Woodchurch, nr. Ashford, Kent. Further enquiries T.W. Fuggle & Son, Tenterden, Kent. tel: (01580) 763340.

RAPER - Michell. On March 17th 1995, suddenly at home, aged 68. Writer and broadcaster. Beloved brother of Prue. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium 11 am Wednesday March 29th. No flowers, please: donations, if desired, to the International Fund for Animal Welfare, Tubwell House, New Road, Crowborough, E. Sussex - or any other animal charity.

SALISBURY - On 18th March, at home, unexpectedly and peacefully, Trudy aged 84. Dearly beloved wife of Allan, mother of Ray, Cathy and Nick. Much loved by her 3 children-in-law, her 6 grandchildren and her 6 great-grandchildren as well as her brother and sister-in-law. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 24th March at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, donations if wished to the North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12.

SNAPE - On March 19th, Jean Mary aged 75 years, beloved wife of Whip, greatly loved mother of Simon and Rosie and grandson Jeffrey. Service and cremation at Landican on Friday March 24th at 2 pm. Donations to MacMillan Nurses c/o Quinns Funeral Service, Wirral, tel: (051) 677-2299.

STIRLING - Peacefully on 21st March 1995, at home, Janet Alicia (née Christopher), aged 95. Widow of Brigadier Douglas Stirling, loving mother of David and Alastair, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Guestling Church, Friday 24th March at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations for Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to A.C. Towner Limited, Funeral Directors, 2-4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6NH. tel: Hastings (01424) 436386.

STUBBS - On March 17th, suddenly in hospital, Leslie William, husband of Pamela and the late Joanna, much loved by all his large family. Any enquiries to Northcott Bros., Church Street, Sidford. tel: (0395) 513207.

THORNE - Madeleine, widow of the late Sqn. Ldr. Alex Thorne, at Town Thorns Nursing Home, Easenhall near Rugby, on Saturday 18th March 1995. Service at Town Thorns on Monday 27th March 1995 at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Canley. Details from Walton & Taylor (01788) 543008.

VAN DER GUCHT - On March 20th, very peacefully, Noël, aged 82, adored wife of the late Paul, much loved mother of Anthea, Michael and Annabel and darling grannie of Dominic, Sam, Oliver, Charlie, Sarah, Ben, Victoria, Ella, Jack and Liza. Funeral to be held on Tuesday March 28th at 12 noon at St Mary's, Lasham, nr., Alton. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong c/o McCleod, 74 Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH14 1AT.

YOUNG - Jean Mairi of Hilton, Dorset, on Monday March 20th after a short illness. Very much loved wife of Stephen and mother of Catriona and Tyrrell. Funeral for close friends only on Friday March 24th at the R.C. Church of Our Lady, Marnhull, at 1.30 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but any donations to Joseph Weld Hospice, Box 42, Weymouth DT4 8XQ. Thanksgiving Service at Hilton Church at 2 pm. Friday March 31st.

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OBITUARIES

SIR JAMES KILFEDDER

Sir James Kilfedder, Ulster Popular Unionist MP for North Down, died on March 20 aged 66. He was born on July 16, 1928.

ONE memory Sir James Kilfedder left behind was of his white face staring blankly across the chamber of the Commons as details of the Northern Ireland framework document became known at Westminster. Other Ulster MPs were also anguished but for Kilfedder, sitting on the Government side of the House and a consistent supporter of the Prime Minister, the moment was particularly painful.

Many Ulster politicians are predictable. Kilfedder never was. Although a staunch Unionist he was opposed to Protestant extremism and attacked what he described as "religious apartheid" in education. He was the leader of the smallest party in the Commons. This was inevitable as he was his party's only MP. Despite being Chief Whip of the Ulster Unionists from 1970 to 1974 he was never noted for devotion to political discipline.

In 1985 he so mistrusted the Anglo-Irish agreement that he resigned his seat, precipitating a by-election which he proceeded to win in 1986. But he was loyal to all his principles as well as to Ulster. His misgivings about the framework document did not prevent his continuing to give his support in the House to John Major. This was in sharp contrast to the rancorous feelings that now exist between the Prime Minister and the Official Unionists.

Kilfedder was genuinely popular at Westminster — more popular than he was in some parts of Ulster. There was no doubt about feeling in North Down, however, where his hold on the constituency owed much to his personal vote. He held it by nearly 5,000 votes at the last election, though he was not helped by the presence of a Conservative candidate, which hardly seemed an appropriate return for what he had done at Westminster for the governing party. He had been the only Ulster MP, for instance, to back the poll tax. Although he must have resented the intrusion of a Conservative candidate into his constituency, he was still the only Ulster MP who did not vote against the Government when the crucial Maastricht treaty debate took place in November 1992.

Somewhat unusually for a Unionist MP, he was born in the Irish Republic. He was a farmer's son and educated at Portora School in Enniskillen and at Trinity College, Dublin. He became a barrister but ceased to practise when he was elected as Ulster Unionist MP for West Belfast in 1964. He did not hold the seat for long because in the general election of March 1966 he was defeated by the SDLP candidate Gerry Fitt, later Lord Fitt.

By 1970, however, Kilfedder was returned to Westminster for North Down with a useful majority of 41,433. In the House he pursued a fairly conventional Unionist line, urging special courts for terrorists, showing consistent mistrust of the Irish Republic and rejecting the Heath Government's Sunningdale proposals.

But he started to show a streak of independence. He differed from many of his

colleagues in supporting Heath's domestic measures for the mainland, and in urging the religious desegregation of at least nursery schools in Northern Ireland. He aroused enough unease for Roy Bradford, backed by Brian Faulkner, to stand against him in the general election of February 1974. Kilfedder saw off this challenge quite easily, cruising home with a majority of more than 16,000.

In the second election of 1974, which followed in October, he did even better, winning North Down by 31,023 and being joined in the Commons by the new MP for South Down, Enoch Powell. But soon after returning to Westminster Kilfedder was expelled from the United Ulster Unionist coalition because, as a convinced devolutionist, he refused to attend their meetings. Then, in 1979, just before the general election, he resigned from the Official Ulster Unionist Party. The Official Unionists put up a candidate against him but he romped home again, this time with a 23,000 majority. He then launched his own Ulster Popular Unionist Party, the product of his belief that Enoch Powell was influencing Unionist policy too much in a total integration direction.

Undeterred by the arrival of a letter-bomb, Kilfedder welcomed the death of IRA hunger strikers and backed capital punishment for terrorists. In 1982 he became Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly which led soon afterwards to 14 Ulster Unionists walking out in protest over his role.

But their protest was overshadowed by his own (though the Official Unionists did the same) when the Anglo-Irish agreement was announced. He had been returned for South Down, as usual, in 1983 but, on his own as he was, he risked resigning his seat. He stood at the subsequent by-election and triumphed over the Alliance candidate with a majority of nearly 23,000.

The Enniskillen massacre prompted him to urge total war against the IRA with martial law, identity cards and, with reluctance, the reintroduction of internment. In the Commons, though, he remained unpredictable, usually supporting the Thatcher Government on non-Ulster matters but occasionally rebelling, as he did over charges for eye tests. His UPUP remained essentially a one-man-band, failing to make any significant impact on the Province. It was a different story at Westminster where he was regarded as representing a distinctive and respected strand of Ulster Unionism, which was recognised last year when he was made chairman of the Commons Northern Ireland Select Committee.

To the Tories he was the most loyal of the loyalists and, popular figure that he was, he will be missed for more than just his vote in the division lobbies.

James Kilfedder, knighted in 1992, was a bachelor.

CAPTAIN PETER NORTON

Captain Peter Norton, DSC, artist, writer and naval officer, died on March 5 aged 82. He was born on January 9, 1913.

THE defining moment of Peter Norton's life came in 1958 when, as a captain with a promising career, he decided not to accept a plum job with the British Joint Services Mission in Washington but to leave the Navy and devote himself to painting and teaching art. One of his students described his teaching technique: "He just put a brush in our hand and then led us on in an astonishing way, nurturing us with an incredible sensitivity."

Influenced by the Impressionists, Cézanne and his friend Paul Maze, he established a reputation as a landscapist in pastels, producing delightful depictions of sunlit countryside in both France and England.

Educated at Winchester, Peter John Norton studied art under R. M. Y. Gleadowe, then Slade Professor of Fine Art. A youthful enthusiast for ships and the sea, he made a number of voyages as a deckhand in some of the commercial sailing craft which in those days still plied for trade in miscellaneous cargoes in the seas around the British Isles. In 1931 he joined the Royal Navy.

As a midshipman he served in the battleship *Rodney*. Later he specialised in navigation and at the outbreak of war he was navigator of a minesweeping squadron on operations around Scotland and at the Home Fleet's anchorage in Scapa Flow.

As navigating officer of the cruiser *Fiji* he took part in the desperate battle for Crete in 1941 in which the Navy suffered heavy losses. On the afternoon of May 22 *Fiji* was in company with the cruiser *Gloucester* when both ships came under air attack for about the twentieth time that day. *Gloucester* was hit by several bombs, set ablaze and brought to a halt, dead in the water. *Fiji* reluctantly left her to her fate and with two destroyers withdrew to the south. All this time the three ships were under relentless attack.

But in the evening, having survived everything the Luftwaffe could throw at her and fired off almost every round of her anti-aircraft ammunition, she was suddenly assailed by a lone aircraft. Struck by bombs which caused her vital damage, she capsized and sank. Norton and his commanding officer, Captain William-Powlett, were the last two to abandon ship. For his gallantry and skill in the Crete operation, Norton was awarded the DSC.

In June 1942, as navigator to the cruiser *Birmingham*, he took part in Operation Vigorous; this was a Malta convoy from Alexandria which had to turn back in the face of overwhelming opposition.

Birmingham was badly damaged by a bomb and returned home for repairs. In 1944 Norton became operations officer to the Flag Officer Eastern Mediterranean, based at Alexandria until the end of the war in Europe. He was a knowledgeable balletomane and in Alexandria he met and married Olive Deacon, a soloist with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and a former principal ballerina with Sadler's Wells.

His postwar appointments included a spell as senior staff officer to the C-in-C South Atlantic, based at Simonstown in South Africa. There the Nortons ran the local ballet company, Peter designing the sets and costumes.

In the 1950s he was naval attaché in the Middle East, based in Cairo. His "parish" included Lebanon, Ethiopia, Jordan, Syria and, until the Suez crisis of 1956, Egypt. When the Anglo-French forces invaded Egypt, Norton supervised the evacuation of British Embassy staff before escaping to the Swiss Embassy with the more secret papers. He was afterwards based at the Embassy in Beirut.

After leaving the Royal Navy in 1958 Norton taught painting and history of art at Guildford School of Art for nine years. However, during the period of unrest typified by the *événements* of 1968 in France he fell foul of the authorities at Guildford for taking the part of the students in their quest for more say in the way that their courses were to be run. He and forty others in the faculty were dismisssed.

Fortunately, he and his wife had already bought a dilapidated farmhouse at Cubertou in the Lot region of southwest France. After restoration this became for more than twenty-five years a summer art centre renowned among painters, professional and amateur, for its happy and sympathetic atmosphere. Through Peter Norton's Bloomsbury Group associations (his uncle was close to Virginia Woolf) and his wife's ballet connections, the Nortons had a wide circle of acquaintanceship. Norton had come to know Marie Stopes and Edith Sitwell in the 1930s; he was a friend of Margot Fonteyn, whose portrait he painted; Elizabeth von Arnim was his great-aunt.

Besides his many exhibitions in London, South Africa and the Middle East, Norton was the author of several monographs. *The End of The Voyage* describes the working sailing craft of his youth; *Ship's Figureheads* and *State Barges* were both done for the National Maritime Museum. He also wrote and illustrated a children's book, *The Special Train*. For many years, Olive ran an infant school at their home at Compton in Sussex and the fun of the Nortons' regular Christmas celebrations in the village square will long be remembered.

He is survived by his wife and their son and daughter.

ALEXANDER HYATT KING

Alexander Hyatt King, Mozart scholar, died in Southwold, Suffolk, on March 10 aged 83. He was born in Beckenham, Kent, on July 18, 1911.

NOTED for his carefully researched studies of Mozart's life and works, Alec Hyatt King was a great historian both of music collecting and music printing, as was evidenced by two of his publications — *Some British Collectors of Music* (1963) and *Four Hundred Years of Music Printing* (1964).

He spent his entire working life at the British Museum cataloguing and organising some highly successful exhibitions there. Much of his spare

time was given to musical organisations as well as writing on a variety of subjects related to music and the printing of it.

Alexander Hyatt King was educated at Dulwich College and King's College, Cambridge, where he was a Jebb scholar in 1932 and took a first in both parts of the Classical Tripos.

His 42 years at the British Museum began in 1934 in the department of printed books and by the mid-1940s his essays began appearing in journals such as *Music and Letters* and *The Musical Times*. Within two years of his transfer to the museum's Music Room in 1944, where he was in charge of the Royal Music Library, King had persuaded the German industrialist Paul Hirsch to sell his vast music collection (built up during 40 years in Germany and a further ten in Cambridge) to the museum for £120,000 — a substantial sum, yet considerably less than Hirsch could have realised for it elsewhere. King was responsible for transporting, arranging and cataloguing much of it.

In 1959 he became Deputy Keeper of the museum's department of printed books and two years later was Sandars Reader in bibliography at Cambridge. Among the exhibitions he organised for the museum were those commemorating Handel's *Messiah* in 1951, Mozart (1956), Purcell and Handel (1959), and Vaughan Williams (1972).

Until his retirement in 1976 King remained with the British Museum, which was where his loyalty always lay. Nevertheless, his other activities, studies and publications were remarkable in number. He was a founding committee member of the British Institute of Recorded Sound (later the National Sound Archive) in 1948 and its chairman for 11 years from 1951. Also in 1948 he joined the Royal Musical Association, was editor of its *Proceedings* journal from 1952 to 1957 and, after five years as vice-president, became president between 1974 and 1978. He involved himself in the founding of the International Association of Music Libraries in 1949 — serving as president of the UK branch for its first 15 years and international president from 1955 to 1959 — and was honorary librarian to the Royal Philharmonic Society from 1969 to 1982.

He received the silver medal of the Mozarteum in Salzburg in 1992, having previously received honorary doctorates from York and St Andrews Universities. Yet among all this he found time to publish many essays and books — several of them on Mozart — both biographical and musical guides. He also made a significant contribution to the 20-volume edition of *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* published in 1980.

In his honour Frits Noske published *King of the Music on his Sixtieth Birthday* (1971) and his colleague at the British Museum, Oliver Neighbour, edited *Music and Bibliography: Essays in Honour of Alec Hyatt King* in 1980.

King also found time for other pastimes including watching cricket, sea fishing and enjoying opera at Aldeburgh with his good friends Benjamin Britten, Peter Pears and Imogen Holst. In Suffolk he was able to trace his ancestors back to the 13th century.

In 1943 Alexander Hyatt King married Evelyn Davies and, since he never learnt to drive, she drove him everywhere and also typed his manuscripts. She survives him, as do their two sons.

PROFESSOR R. J. FITZPATRICK

R. J. Fitzpatrick, Professor of Animal Reproduction at the University of Liverpool, 1984-89, died on February 17 aged 73. He was born on December 30, 1921.

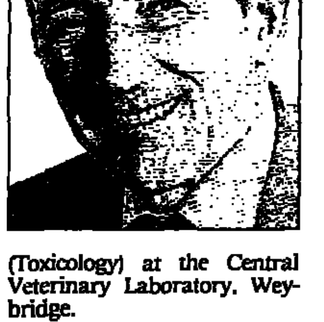
DUBBED "Fitz" on his first day as a student at the Royal Veterinary College in 1940, Reginald Jack Fitzpatrick played a leading role in two notable contributions to public affairs: the control of the doping of racehorses and the safe and efficient use of drugs in human and veterinary medicine.

He chaired the Advisory Committee of the Jockey Club on Doping of Racehorses from its inception in 1961 until 1971, and the International Liaison Committee on Control of Doping of Racehorses (UK, France, Ireland, Belgium and the US) from 1963 to 1971. Under the guidance of his cool and penetrating intellect his committees set the standard for the dope-testing of racehorses throughout the world, procedures which were then far ahead of dope-testing in human athletes.

In 1969 the Government appointed him as a founder member of the Medicines Commission, responsible for the regulation of drugs used in man and animals; its procedures again formed a model for the rest of the world. He held this office for nine years.

In 1980 the commission appointed him chairman of the veterinary products committee of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, a substantial responsibility since what goes into farm animals for therapeutic purposes is apt to find its way into what we eat. He served in this capacity with distinction for five years.

Fitzpatrick was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1944, graduating BSc (Vet Sci) in the same year, and then served in general practice for two years. In 1946 he was appointed for four years as Veterinary Research Officer



(Toxicology) at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge.

Far-sighted authorities at Weybridge recognised his exceptional abilities and seconded him for the same period to University College Hospital, London, as a part-time research assistant in the pharmacology department of University College and the obstetrics department of UCH. In 1948 he obtained a BSc in Physiology, London, and graduated PhD (Pharmacology) in 1955. From 1950 to 1963 he was lecturer and then senior lecturer in the department of pharmacology in the Medical School at Bristol, pioneering the evolution in veterinary education of *materia medica* into the science of pharmacology. He was Professor and Head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies at Liverpool from 1963 to 1984, Professor of Animal Reproduction from 1984 to 1989, and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science from 1980 to 1983.

Numerous research publications in scientific journals and reference texts established Fitzpatrick as a world authority on the physiology of birth in man and animals, particularly on the hormonal changes at birth and their application to veterinary and human obstetrics. He was much in demand by overseas universities, holding four visiting professorships, of which two were unusual for a veterinarian in being professorships of obstetrics in medical schools.

In 1965 he became a member of the committee of the Physiological Society, and from 1963 to 1967 was the society's treasurer. He also held offices in the Society for Endocrinology.

In their elderly boat Fitzpatrick and his wife Ruth, whom he married in 1946, liked to cruise the canals of Britain, in the course of which Fitzpatrick was obliged to acquire an intimate knowledge of the vagaries of diesel engines.

He is survived by his wife and their son and daughter.

ON THIS DAY

March 22, 1917

The Tsar abdicated but his decision to do so in favour of his brother, the Grand Duke Michael, was rejected by Kerensky, who feared that a continuance of the monarchy would cause further disorder in the country.

THE ABDICATION SCENE AT PSKOFF.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PETROGRAD, March 20

General Ruzsky is the hero of the hour. He is believed to have been chiefly instrumental in dissuading the Tsar from an attempt to send large forces from the front to repress the Revolution in Petrograd.

He has related to a correspondent an account of the circumstances attending the abdication. On March 13 messages from Imperial Headquarters apprised him that the Tsar was preparing to go to Tsarskoe Selo. Then unexpectedly he learnt the following day that the Tsar was coming to Pskoff.

The Imperial train arrived at 8 o'clock in the evening. The Tsar's first words showed General Ruzsky that he was well informed about events. At 2 o'clock that morning he sent for General Ruzsky, and told him: — "I have decided to give way and to grant them responsible Ministry. What is your opinion?"

The manifesto lay on the table, already signed. General Ruzsky knew that the compromise was belated, but refrained from expressing an opinion, and proposed that heshould confer with M. Rodzianko by telephone. Communication was established directly between General Ruzsky and M. Rodzianko an hour later. They conversed for two hours. M. Rodzianko gave all the details of what had happened, and convinced General Ruzsky that the Tsar must abdicate.

"I communicated the substance of this conversation to General Alexeieff and the Commanders-in-Chief on the respective fronts. Towards 10 o'clock next morning I made my report to the Tsar in the presence of General Daniloff, my Chief of Staff, and General Savitch, who agreed to support me in urging that abdication was necessary. By that time I had already received the replies of General Alexeieff, the Grand Duke Nicholas, General Brusiloff, and General Evert, who all recognized the necessity of abdication.

"The Tsar announced his readiness to abdicate, but wished to do so in the presence of M. Rodzianko, whose arrival at Pskoff he expected, although I knew M. Rodzianko was unable to leave Petrograd. We left the Tsar, and, after lunch, about 3 o'clock, he summoned me and said that the Act of Abdication was already signed in favour of his son.

"He gave me a telegram containing this abdication and asked me to send it to Petrograd, but a few minutes later I heard that M.M. Gutchkoff and Shulgin were already on their way to Pskoff, and so, without sending the telegram, I went to the Tsar and told him that the Commissaries of the Duma were arriving. Instead of bringing the Commissaries to me first, as ordered, they were conducted by a member of the Tsar's suite straight to the Imperial carriage."

The rest of the story is already known. After M. Gutchkoff's narrative the Tsar expressed his decision to abdicate in favour of his brother (the Grand Duke Michael), because his son's health was bad and he did not wish to part with him...

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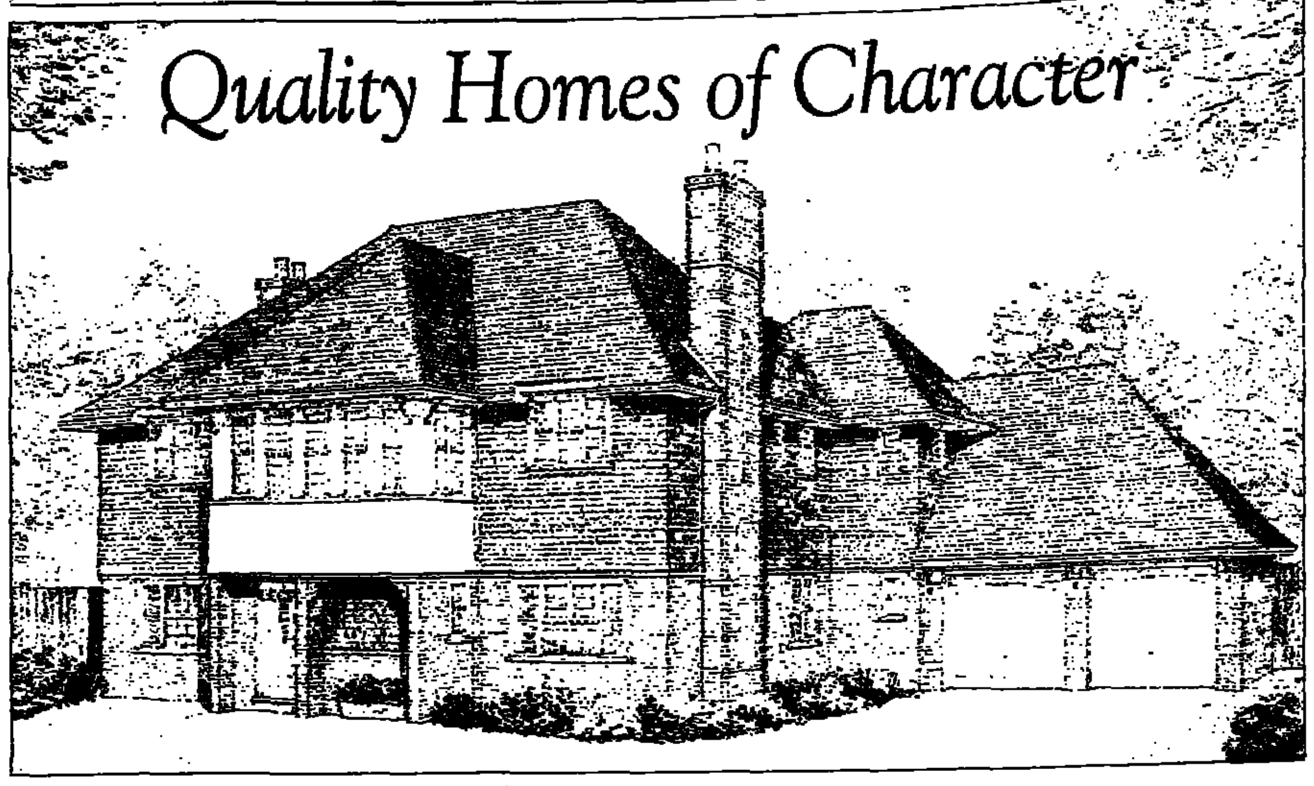

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Mary Wilson reports on historically important castles in varying states of repair for sale in England, Ireland and Scotland

So you want to feel secure in your home?

Living in a castle could seem a daunting prospect to many, but Brian Thompson and his wife, Elyse, have become attached to it. They have bought and restored 70 houses all over the world, and are very taken by castles. "At first we thought they might be a little different," says Mr Thompson; "now we wouldn't live in anything else. I love the stonework, the fortifications, the battlements, and the landscaping and grounds are great fun."

The first castle that the Thompsons bought was Cloghan Castle in Banaher, Co Offaly, in 1972. Cloghan, which has four towers, 300 yards of 17-foot-high wall and the original keep, is thought to date from the 12th century, and is one of the oldest inhabited castles in Ireland.

When the Thompsons bought the castle, the stone walls were in a terrible state because the previous occupant thought they contained gold and had spent much of her time digging holes in them. "She didn't find anything and neither have I," says Mr Thompson. "But I did have to do a lot of restoration."

Ten years later, the Thompsons sold it and went to America. On their return they bought the castle back again because they loved it and wanted to finish where they had left off. It was at this time that they learnt of another castle, Emmel Castle in Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary, a 15th-century keep with a 17th-century house attached to it. Emmel was one of 25 castles used by the O'Carrol clan to defend their lands.

"'I thought, what do I want with two castles?" says Mr Thompson. "But I bought it for my daughter and her partner. Eventually my wife bought them out and we moved in, and let Cloghan out."

The Thompsons have discovered one disadvantage of living in a castle. "If you leave a door open at the bottom of the building, it can suck all the heat out in ten minutes," says Mr Thompson. Both their castles have oil-fired heating, which they run on a timer. "You can't be careless about it," he says. "You need heat throughout the year, including about an hour a day in the summer at the bottom of the castle; otherwise the walls weep condensation."

Cloghan Castle in Banaher, Co Offaly, is on the market at £700.000. Probably 12th century, it is one of Ireland's oldest inhabited castles

Both castles are on the market, but the Thompsons will sell only one —whichever sells first. Cloghan has 153 acres, shooting rights and five bedrooms, and is for sale at around £700,000; Emmel has 20 acres, six bedrooms and what is thought to be the only ancient oak spiral staircase in a castle in Ireland. It is on the market for £250,000. Both are for sale through Jackson-Stops McCabe of Dublin.

In Cupar, Scotland, Lordscairnie Castle is a daunting project because there is not much left of the original castle. It was last occupied 300 years ago and not a lot has been done to maintain it since then.

John Bradburne of Fife, who is selling Lordscairnie, says: "We are expecting a lot of interest. The castle may have been empty for many years, but it could still be restored to a dramatic home in a stunning position. Also, a new purchaser could acquire an unusual, and possibly very valuable, slice of history, for it has hidden treasure, which has yet to be found."

Lordscairnie was built by the fourth Earl of Crawford, known locally as "The Tiger Earl", who was outlawed by King James IV and barred by the court because of his predilection for plundering the countryside. It is rumoured that much of his treasure has been buried in the 29 acres surrounding the castle.

Any purchaser will be entitled to any of the ill-gotten gains that he may dig up, but these could be tricky to locate since the area surrounding the castle is mainly bog and under water. The ruin, plus the land and a small loch, is on the market for around £75,000.

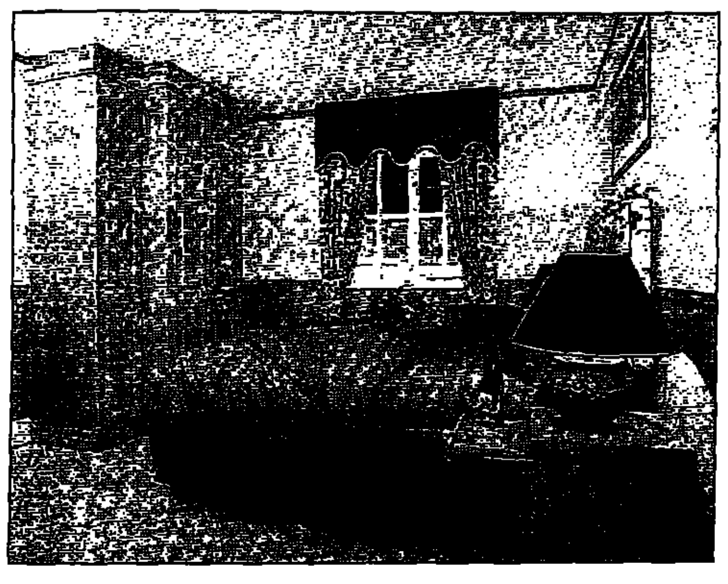
Fort Perch Rock, which stands in the mouth of the Mersey, is a coastal-defence battery built in 1829 to protect the port of Liverpool. The structure is listed Grade II and is historically important because it is the only major fortification work in England which dates from between the end of the Napoleonic Wars and 1850.

Norman Kingham, an architect, has lived and worked in Liverpool for many years. He bought Fort Perch Rock, which he has owned for 20 years, because it is one of the city's most important buildings, and was going to ruin. Kingham has restored the fabric of the fort, and it is currently open daily as a museum. There are nine bedrooms along one side (the old billets) and a flat.

"With a bit of money spent on it, Fort Perch Rock would make a lovely home," says Graham Adnitt of Jackson-Stops and Staff, which is selling the building. "For someone wanting their own 'desert island', Fort Perch Rock must be the perfect answer." The agent is putting a guide price of around £250,000 on the property.

In Worcestershire the Grade II listed Holt Castle in Holt Heath is for sale. This is part 15th century, part 18th century and has a huge 14th-century tower overlooking the River Severn. It has 18 bedrooms, seven bathrooms, a detached staff cottage and five acres. Andrew Grant, of Andrew Grant Estate Agents of Worcester, says: "Many people believe castles are cold, uninhabitable buildings, but Holt Castle's owner has used it quite comfortably as his family home for the last few years." He is asking £550,000 for it.

Rodborough Fort in Gloucestershire is going under the hammer on April 5. It is owned by the National Trust, which bought the property so that it could sort out existing rights of way over the common that surrounds the fort. This now done, the trust is selling the property for use as a private house. It needs complete refurbishment and has a guide price of £285,000.



Bellway bedroom: water beds are used, but no hanging pictures

The power of mites

Christine Webb reports on a house designed for allergy sufferers

A low-allergen house on show at the Ideal Homes Exhibition in London is the first to be built by a volume builder.

Bellway Homes designed the house, with the help of the consultants Conduit, to cater for people who suffer from asthma, hayfever and other allergic conditions. Interest in the idea has been enormous.

The first low-allergen house was set up by Conduit and the National Asthma Campaign at the Future-World exhibition at Milton Keynes last summer. But that was a one-off experiment, a home of the future, probably beyond the reach of the average housebuyer.

Bellway liked the idea, but wanted to test demand, so built it into the design for a house of the future at the Earls Court show. It does not yet have plans to include it in its building programme, but since the number of people afflicted by asthma is rising from the present three million sufferers in Britain, Bellway could be on to a winner.

The house aims to provide a hostile habitat for house-dust mites, the microscopic creatures that flourish in the soft furnishings of modern homes and which are responsible for untold misery and even death — 2,000 people a year die from asthma. One in seven children suffers from asthma, while 70 per cent of children are allergic to the mite and its dung, which usually circulates in house dust. Pollens are another allergen.

A new air-filtering ventilation system made by Genvex International of Northampton is one way of minimising these allergens. Air enters the house at a single point in the loft, is filtered, heated and channelled to skirting-board vents in every room. Because the air is changed once an hour it stays dry, causing havoc among the dust mites, which like the damp. In the wet winter months a dehumidifier extracts water from incoming air. Such a system costs between £2,000 and £3,600.

Non-toxic paints are used in the Bellway house, for solvents can provoke asthma attacks. Wooden flooring downstairs and cushion flooring upstairs is kept pristine by a built-in vacuum cleaner. Blinds, a leather suite and minimal clutter also keep dust down, and there is even a water-bed in one bedroom, for mattresses can harbour millions of mites. The blue walls are stencilled, as there are no hanging pictures.

The house is one of five at the exhibition showing how housing has progressed since 1900. It represents the 21st century, while the others are faithful replicas of a draughty Edwardian house circa 1908, which would have cost £300 at a time when the average working wage was £2 a week; a 1926 semi-detached house, costing £600, bought on a wage of £4 a week; a 1944 semi that cost £800, complete with Anderson shelter; and a 1967 house, strip lit and vinyl filled, costing £5,500 when wages were £20 a week.

The new low-allergen home would cost between £150,000 and £170,000, and includes video-camera security as well as energy-saving features.

Also at the Earls Court exhibition centre are three other Bellway house types, including the 72-year-old show's largest-ever show house, The Rockingham, a five-bedroom Georgian-style home. All were built in an astonishing 11 days.

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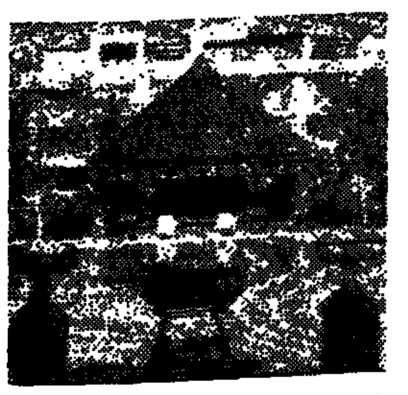

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 22 1995

NEWS

Deputy quits Bank over affair

■ Rupert Pennant-Rea resigned from his £180,000-a-year post as deputy governor of the Bank of England after disclosures about his three-year affair with a financial journalist.

Mr Pennant-Rea, 47, said in his resignation letter to Kenneth Clarke that he was stepping down "with great regret" to avoid the possibility of the Bank "being damaged by some foolish mistakes that I made, albeit more than a year ago". His wife said that she would stand by her husband .... **Pages 1, 3**

Blair puts Labour on election alert

■ Tony Blair is to put his Shadow Cabinet on a war footing today, telling them that Labour could soon be facing a general election called by a new Conservative Prime Minister. He will say that the Tories are now in the sort of panic mood that preceded the downfall of Baroness Thatcher .... **Pages 1, 7**

Anti-gaffe squad

John Major tried to halt the *stream of gaffes that have dogged* the Government in recent weeks by disclosing that he had set up a Cabinet committee to improve the presentation and co-ordination of *government policy* .... ***Page 1***

Queen mobbed

Exuberant black youths mobbed the Queen during her visit to a sports centre near Cape Town, forcing her to curtail her programme and beat a retreat to the safety of her car .... **Pages 1, 9**

Counties saved

The Environment Secretary, John Gummer, saved Dorset from being dismembered in the reorganisation of local government and confirmed the separation of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. The future of Rutland is not yet clear .... **Page 2**

Scratch-card failure

The National Lottery's scratch-card competition got off to a disastrous start when the lottery computer failed and the organisers were forced to admit that *they did not know when the system* would be repaired ..... **Page 2**

Fall in school sport

A 35 per cent cut in physical *education in state secondary* schools over the past four years has damaged Britain's chances of producing a healthy nation and of enjoying international sporting success, a report says .... **Page 4**

Farewell to Lovat

The piper who played Lord Lovat *into battle on D-Day piped a final* farewell to the war hero as hundreds gathered for his funeral in Inverness-shire.................. **Page 4**

GP struck off

A village GP was struck off the medical register for an affair with a married patient. A thousand villagers signed a petition appealing for Dr Keith Pilsworth to keep his job .... **Page 5**

Temporarily correct

"My bet is that in 20 years American political correctness will be seen as one of those temporary aberrations like Prohibition and McCarthyism." Brenda Maddox writes in *Media File*......... **Page 6**

Santer power bid

Brussels should have the right to shape Europe's foreign and security policy, according to Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission .... **Page 8**

Kurdish death claim

Turkey claimed that its forces killed as many as 200 Kurdish *separatists on the second day of* its ground and air attack deep inside northern Iraq .... **Page 10**

Gas-mask share clue

Sales of shares in Japan's only gas-mask manufacturer rose 100 times above average last week, two days before the poison gas attack that killed eight commuters in Tokyo.............. ***Page 11***

Napoleon evades Tunnel defences

■ A stray dog sparked a Channel Tunnel security alert after penetrating train terminal defences at Calais and striking out for England. The Alsatian bitch, christened Napoleon by its French captors, was run to ground last week 2½ miles into the 31-mile tunnel after evading at least two lines of elaborate anti-rabies defences .... ***Page 1***

BUSINESS

Executive pay: The former head of Royal Insurance's American operation was paid more than £1.8 million last year, largely in compensation for loss of office. The golden handshake exceeds the emoluments of all the other Royal directors combined .... **Page 21**

Barings: The collapse of the City's oldest merchant bank was caused by a "severe and dramatic breakdown in control systems" at its Singapore operations, according to Brian Quinn, head of supervision at the Bank of England..... **Page 21**

Ratners: Signet, the troubled former Ratner jewellery group, may be forced to break itself up if American preference shareholders succeed in pushing through their demands at a hastily called special shareholders' meeting....... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 10.8 points to close at 3135.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.6 to 84.8 after a fall from $1.5823 to $1.5807 but a rise from DM2.2100 to DM2.2319 .... **Page 24**

SPORT

Football: Liverpool beat Blackburn to the signature of Mark Kennedy, the Ireland under-21 international, from Millwall. Kennedy will cost them £2 million .... **Page 40**

Tennis: *Steffi Graf supported* a proposal that Monica Seles, who has not played competitively for two years, could return as the joint No 1 in the world.............. **Page 36**

Rugby union: Alex Evans, a possible successor to Alan Davies as coach of Wales, ruled himself out of contention by signing a new contract with Cardiff .... **Page 40**

Racing: Another record Tote jackpot pool, of about £1.6 million, will be on offer at Exeter today after a series of surprise results at Stratford yesterday...................... **Page 35**

Naomi Campbell in black velvet with grey satin trimming and a fuchsia V-neck vest by Yves Saint Laurent at the Paris ready-to-wear collection yesterday. *Fashion*, pages 12, 13

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ REGAL HERO
Oscar hopeful Nigel Hawthorne dominates and dazzles as the mad King George

■ £500,000 NOVEL
Malcolm Bradbury on *The Information*, Martin Amis's latest work

ARTS

Oscar speeches: Sometimes winning an Academy Award isn't everything: it's how you win that matters............................ **Page 30**

Dancing cranes: As a climax to this year's Glasgow Mayfest, eight of Govan shipyard's 100ft cranes will lurch into motion for a choreographed valedictory for the city's industrial past.................. **Page 30**

Danish export: Imagine a collaboration between Alan Ayckbourn and Marguerite Duras, with bits of Beckett, and you should have some sense of *Morning and Evening* by Astrid Saalbach .... **Page 31**

End of the road: English Touring Theatre's energetic production of Molière's *The School for Wives* comes to London's Riverside Studios............................... **Page 31**

FEATURES

Seen in Paris: Right now, fashion is delighting in all things feminine. With gorgeous fabrics and pretty details, it offers grown women all the forgotten pleasure of the dressing-up box, as Iain R. Webb reports.......................... **Pages 12, 13**

Crying shame: "There is a dreadful *familiarity* about all this." Magnus Linklater on today's cuts to the rail network in Scotland and the Macpuff campaign after the Beeching report .... **Page 13**

Note of discord: *Beneath the tran*quillity of a beautiful English village, passions are rising — over opera .... **Page 13**

HOMES

Dustfree dwelling: One of Britain's big housing suppliers has developed a low-allergen house for people who suffer from asthma, hay fever and other allergic conditions .... **Page 19**

PAPERS

The Lord Chancellor's proposals for a radical reform of the divorce laws are a rare and welcome example of the judiciary mooting less and better law. . It therefore comes as a shock to learn that the reforms may not become law next year because some Cabinet ministers believe there are no votes in them

— *Evening Standard*

It is alarming — but not alarmist — to think that the nerve-gas attack on commuters in the Tokyo subways will someday be eclipsed by an even more heinous terrorist act. A threshold has been crossed that no amount of effort or fury by the civilised world can reverse

— *USA Today*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The delights and drawbacks of the rural retreat, *Modern Times: Weekenders* (BBC2, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on Paul McKenna.......................... **Page 39**

OPINION

A private affair

Does British public life have to become as roundheaded as a Sunday night on the *Mayflower*? The climate will doubtless change again. Meanwhile it will be no surprise if people offered public appointments reject them........ **Page 15**

Kurdish faultline

The PKK is poisoning Turkish democracy and undermining Turkey's secularism. The Government can restore stability only by evolving a political counterweight to PKK terrorism *to which Turkish* Kurds can rally................. **Page 15**

Fading orange

The death of Sir James Kilfedder marks the end of an honourable chapter in the history of Ulster unionism .... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Many countries have discriminatory laws. South Africa's were particularly crude, but they entrenched a skill-base and a source of savings at a time when the rest of Africa was degenerating into pseudo-socialist chaos .... **Page 14**

JANET DALEY

The obsession with sexual honesty was just an obsession with sex. The insistence on truth-telling and openness became a licence to peer into people's lives............. **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

The Commons debate on the common agricultural policy yesterday was a nonsense. It was one of those exercises in hypocrisy and exaggeration that so discredit Parliament and give the impression that Britain is more concerned with internal party battles than with influence within the EU .... **Page 7**

OBITUARIES

Sir James Kilfedder, Ulster Popular Unionist MP for North Down; **Captain Peter Norton**, artist and naval officer; **Alexander Hyatt King**, *Mozart scholar*....... ***Page 17***

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Tory morale; scrapping the Highland sleeper .... **Page 15**

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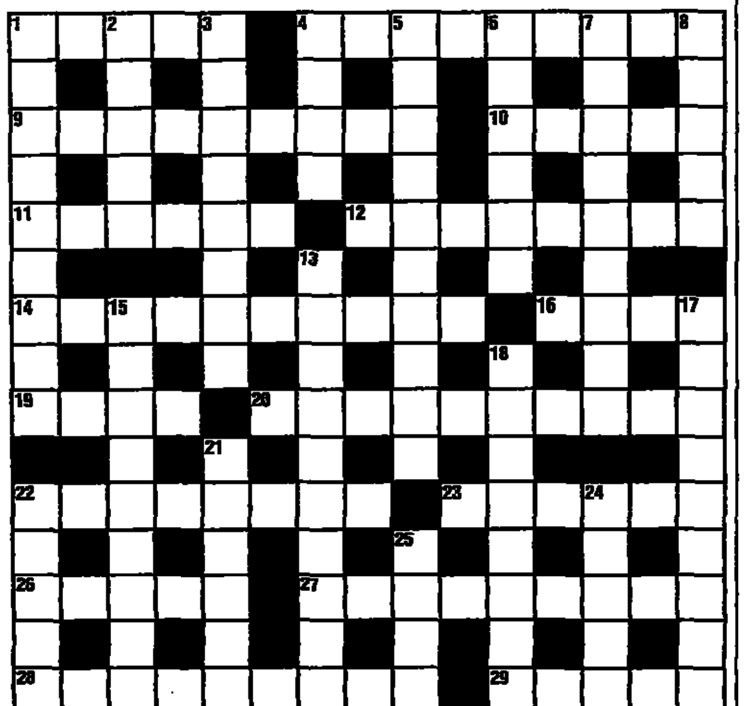

ACROSS

1 *It's simple to a degree, adding in* this way (5).
4 Bird finds breadcrumbs in recess (9).
9 Sort of game to end with an extra, perhaps (3,3,3).
10 Fleshy fruit going into decline, they say (5).
11 Suffer from stomach (6).
12 Collided? The devil he did! (8).
14 *Colourful* creatures, *one's* camel and horse, when in motion (10).
16 The holder of the sword is a Frenchman (4).
19 Screw in rigid support (4).
20 Operates on dicky heart as protective measure (10).
22 New Arab oil development of a powerful business man (8).
23 Priest has turned out a prophet (6).
26 The large animal is aware of the river (5).
27 As chairman, I would come in here (9).
28 Small, airy compound for a belladonna lily (9).
29 Stuff oneself with Cheddar, for instance (5).

DOWN

1 The inexplicable bloomer of Mrs Cripps (9).
2 It is said to keep the last of the crop palatable (5).
3 These islands put preserve on butter (8).
4 Unusual choice (4).
5 Call to indicate bird is nesting (10).
6 *Angular unit is almost dazzling* (6).
7 He's been unfaithful before, when embraced by mature redhead (9).
8 Harris's dainty daughter (5).
13 Came across a *fish* with a line of bones (10).
15 Judith, Esther and the others who were refused admission by the canon (9).
17 Georgia's cloak used to light up the scene (3-6).
18 Did Wellington have a p[illegible] Apsley House, say? (8).
21 Nosy agent clutching new spectacles (6).
22 Tea in the country, forgetting the motorway (5).
24 Little Em'ly's seducer abandoning forward conduct (5).
25 Excellent creatures when brought to their knees (4).

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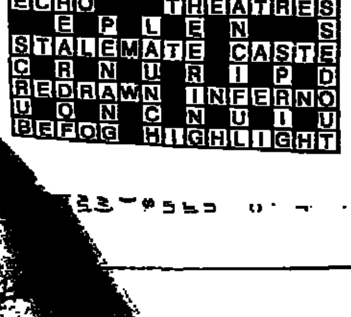

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Monday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 10.1hr.

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☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a fine dry day, with good sunny spells which will be more prolonged in the east. Winds will be light or moderate from a mainly southerly direction, resulting in temperatures several degrees above normal.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have more cloud, but there will be some sunshine, especially in the lee of high ground. South or southwest winds will be strong in places, but temperatures will be mild for the time of year.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, NW England, Central N:** dry with clear or sunny periods. Wind south or southeast mainly light. Max 11-13C (52-55F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind south or southeast light or moderate. Max 10-12C. (50-54F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry with clear or sunny intervals. Wind south or southwest moderate or fresh. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** dry with clear or sunny periods. Wind southwest moderate locally fresh. Max 11-13C (52-55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** *cloudy, rain or* drizzle later. Wind mainly southwest strong. Max 8-10C (46-50F).

☐ **Outlook:** becoming cloudier in the south but remaining mostly dry. Some rain in the north and turning colder later.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.8	0.01	6	43	sn	Liverpool	7.7	-	7	45	sh
Anglesey	6.4	0.03	9	48	s	London	6.4	-	8	46	s
Aspatria	7.9	-	8	46	s	Lowestoft	9.7	-	9	48	s
Aviemore	5.0	0.06	5	41	sn	Manchester	8.4	0.01	9	48	h
Belfast	1.5	0.04	7	45	sh	Margate	8.4	-	8	46	s
Birmingham	3.5	-	7	45	h	Minehead	3.8	0.03	8	46	b
Bognor R	8.3	-	10	50	s	Morecambe	6.6	-	7	45	s
Bournem'th	X					Newcastle	8.1	-	7	45	s
Bristol	5.2	-	9	48	s	Newquay	2.9	-	8	46	c
Buxton	5.9	0.01	5	41	s	Norwich	X				
Cardiff	2.2	0.02	7	45	b	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	5.5	-	8	46	s	Oxford	6.1	-	8	46	b
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	7.0	-	9	48	s
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	6.6	-	10	50	s
Cromer	9.4	0.03	6	43	s	Prestatyn	X	0.04	7	45	b
Doncaster	8.6	-	9	48	s	Ross-o-wye	3.9	-	9	48	b
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	8.2	0.01	9	48	s	Salcombe	6.7	-	11	52	s
Edinburgh	6.5	-	8	46	b	Sandown	X				
Eskdalemuir	7.7	-	6	43	s	Saunton Snd	4.0	-	10	50	s
Exmouth	4.4	-	9	48	b	Scarboro'	8.7	-	7	45	s
Fishguard	2.2	-	8	46	c	Scilly Isles	10.1	-	11	52	s
Folkestone	8.3	0.02	10	50	s	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	6.4	-	8	46	s	Shrewsbury	1.9	0.02	7	45	sh
Guernsey	7.4	0.04	12	54	s	Skegness	8.5	0.03	8	46	s
Hastings	6.9	-	9	48	s	Southend	7.7	-	9	48	s
Hayling I.	7.1	-	9	48	s	Southport	7.0	0.01	8	46	s
Herne Bay	8.8	0.02	9	48	s	Southsea	X				
Hove	6.1	0.02	10	50	s	Stornoway	0.8	0.04	5	41	h
Hunstanton	7.6	-	7	45	s	Swanage	5.8	-	9	48	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	6.4	-	9	48	s
Isle of Man	X					Tenby	2.3	0.01	8	46	c
Jersey	6.9	-	10	50	b	Tiree	1.8	0.01	7	45	c
Kinloss	6.1	0.01	7	45	s	Torquay	4.1	0.02	10	50	b
Leeds	9.3	-	9	48	s	Tynemouth	8.0	-	7	45	s
Lerwick	1.6	0.13	4	39	h	Ventnor	7.6	-	10	50	s
Leuchars	8.6	-	7	45	s	Weymouth	7.5	-	10	50	s
Littlehmptn	8.7	-	9	48	s						

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ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	59	f	Corfu	14	57	s	Majorca	17	63	c	Rome	13	55	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Dublin	9	48	f	Malaga	16	61	c	Salzburg	3	37	sn
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Dubrovnik	11	52	f	Malta	17	63	s	S Frisco	12	54	r
Algiers	18	64	s	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	20	68	c	Santiago	18	64	s
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Florence	13	55	f	Mexico C	24	75	s	S Paulo	26	79	c
Athens	19	66	f	Frankfurt	6	43	f	Miami	27	81	f	Seoul	11	52	f
Bahrain	18	64	f	Funchal	21	70	f	Milan	14	57	s	Sing'por	26	79	c
Bangkok	35	95	s	Geneva	6	43	f	Montreal	8	46	s	St'kholm	1	34	sn
Barbados	29	84	s	Gibraltar	16	61	s	Moscow	5	41	f	Strasb'rg	5	41	f
Barcelona	13	55	s	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	0	32	sn	Sydney	26	79	s
Beirut	19	66	s	Hong K	24	75	s	Nairobi	-	--		Tangier	19	66	s
Belgrade	7	45	f	Innsbrck	2	36	sn	Naples	12	54	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Berlin	7	45	c	Istanbul	6	43	f	N Delhi	28	82	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	20	68	f	Jeddah	27	81	f	N York	11	52	f	Tokyo	16	61	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Jo'burg	28	82	s	Nice	14	57	s	Toronto	11	52	r
Borde'x	11	52	s	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	7	45	s	Tunis	16	61	f
Brussels	7	45	f	L Palmas	20	68	c	Paris	8	46	f	Valencia	15	59	c
Budapest	9	48	f	Le Tquet	8	46	f	Peking	14	57	s	Vanc'ver	11	52	c
B Aires	30	86	s	Lisbon	18	64	s	Perth	33	91	s	Venice	13	55	s
Cairo	22	72	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	3	37	f	Vienna	4	39	r
Chicago	11	52	r	L Angels	18	64	f	Reykjavik	6	43	d	Warsaw	5	41	f
Ch'church	21	70	-	Luxembg	5	41	f	Rhodes	19	66	s	Wash'ton	16	61	f
Cologne	7	45	r	Luxor	28	82	s	Rio de J	29	84	f	Wel'ngton	17	63	f
C'phagn	7	45	s	Madrid	16	61	s	Riyadh	19	66	f	Zurich	1	34	sn

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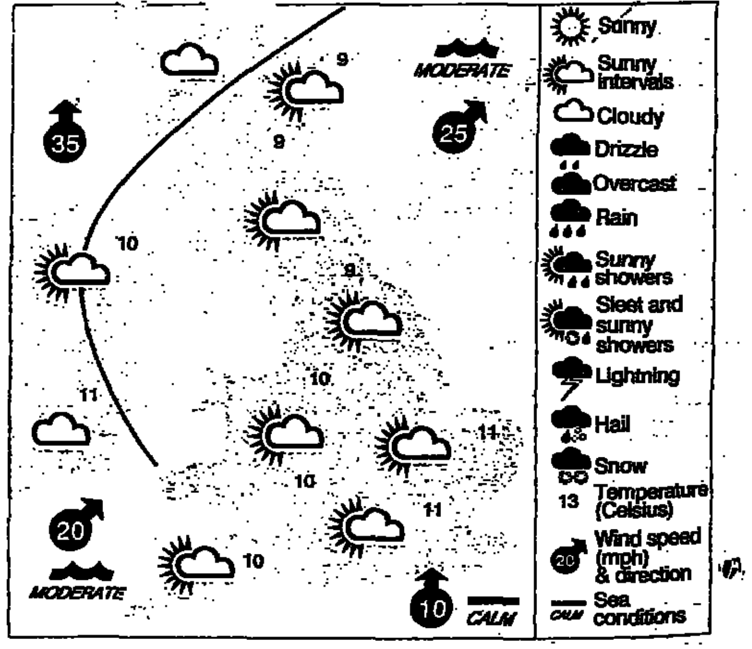

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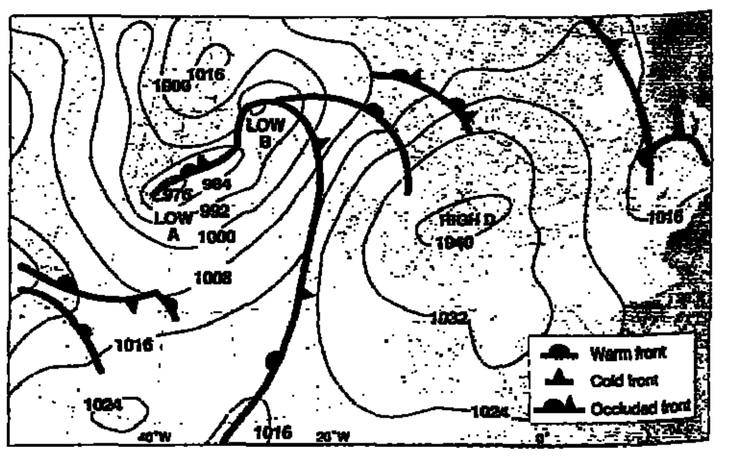

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London Bridge	5:07	6.94	5:35	6.60	Leith	6:07	5.25	6:36	5.24
Aberdeen	4:51	4.01	5:19	4.00	Liverpool	2:24	9.20	2:46	9.02
Avonmouth	10:37	12.41	10:56	11.85	Lowestoft	0:39	2.48	0:59	2.29
Belfast	2:11	3.30	2:49	3.37	Margate	3:08	4.75	3:30	4.52
Cardiff	10:22	11.27	10:46	10.81	Milford Haven	9:40	6.61	10:05	6.42
Devonport	9:19	5.09	9:37	5.03	Newquay	8:32	6.48	8:58	6.19
Dover	2:05	6.55	2:33	6.29	Oban	8:52	3.46	9:23	3.38
Dublin	2:48	3.98	3:28	3.96	Penzance	8:03	5.10	8:31	4.96
Falmouth	8:25	4.96	8:47	4.74	Portland	10:08	1.77	10:29	1.72
Glasgow	4:23	4.39	4:39	4.58	Portsmouth	2:30	4.58	3:01	4.49
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Holyhead	1:28	5.36	1:57	5.18	Southampton	1:52	4.48	2:22	4.39
Hull	9:37	7.12	10:03	7.13	Swansea	9:48	9.13	10:13	8.84
Ilfracombe	9:20	8.79	9:44	8.54	Tees	7:12	5.01	7:39	5.01
King's Lynn	9:44	6.66	10:10	6.53	W'ton-on-Nze	3:01	4.21	3:28	3.93

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.00 am
Sun sets: 6.16 pm
Moon sets 9.02 pm
Moon rises 12.08 am

London 6.16 pm to 5.58 am
Bristol 6.26 pm to 6.08 am
Edinburgh 6.30 pm to 6.09 am
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 22 1995

KIPPA MATTHEWS

Peter Davis, Prudential's new chief, yesterday said that the insurance group needed a safe pair of hands and that his task was to "settle people down"

Pru admits need for pension cover

By Robert Miller

PRUDENTIAL, the UK's biggest life insurer, yesterday admitted for the first time that it has made a specific provision to cover compensation payments to investors who may have been mis-sold personal pensions.

The company declined, however, to say how much had been set aside. It added that the amount was prudent but "not material". Sir Brian Corby, chairman of the Prudential, did disclose that a budget of £20 million had been allocated to cover the initial cost of reviewing some 600,000 personal pension policies sold by the company.

This is seen in City circles as an abrupt about-turn in policy. Under the leadership of Mick Newmarch, the former chief executive of the Prudential who resigned his post in January, the company had denied that pensions misselling was a problem and that there was no need to make specific provision for any compensation.

The GMB general union has long criticised the Prudential's selling practices. Bill Day, GMB's pensions officer, welcomed the Pru's statement but added: "Their proposals will go no way in dealing with the scale of the problem. The GMB will pursue the case for compensation in the courts." He has estimated that the Pru could face a compensation bill of £250 million, based on its 10 per cent market share.

Yesterday, Sir Brian said: "We have decided it would be right and prudent to increase our provision."

The review could take up to two years, Sir Brian said. The Prudential has set up a team of 30 people, based in three cities, to review past pensions.

The Prudential reported an increase in annual pre-tax profits for last year of £603 million (£589 million). A final dividend of 9.5p makes 14.4p (13.2p) for the year.

Last month, Lloyds Abbey Life, which has 3 per cent of the market, announced a record provision of £80 million to cover compensation for investors mis-sold personal pensions.

The Prudential, whose worldwide long-term businesses saw profits fall to £477 million (£481 million), also confirmed that Peter Davis, ex-chairman of Reed Elsevier, would succeed Mr Newmarch as group chief executive.

Last night Mr Davis acknowledged that the furore surrounding Mr Newmarch's final year in office had unsettled staff. As well as his very public disagreement with city regulators, the Stock Exchange conducted a five-month investigation into Mr Newmarch's share transaction in Prudential shares, hours before the damning SIB report on personal pensions was published. Last week the Stock Exchange cleared Mr Newmarch of any impropriety but found the Prudential guilty of breaching the exchanges rules.

"My first task is to make sure that people inside the Pru get settled down," said Mr Davis. "What is needed now is a safe pair of hands."

The Prudential announced that unlike Mr Newmarch, who had a three-year rolling contract, Mr Davis will start on a two-year contract reverting to just one year thereafter. Mr Davis will earn a basic salary of £400,000. The company is also abandoning its share option scheme for directors and replacing it with a restricted share plan. If senior figures preside over exceptionally profitable years, bonuses could double.

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'Controls failure' crashed Barings

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

THE collapse of Barings, the City's oldest merchant bank, was caused by a "severe and dramatic breakdown in control systems" in its Singapore operations, according to Brian Quinn, head of supervision at the Bank of England.

Mr Quinn, a member of the Bank's team investigating the Barings collapse, refused to reveal more of the Bank's views on the matter. But he told Euro-MPs at a European Parliament committee hearing on derivatives in Brussels, that the team would report "as soon as possible", probably within a few weeks.

Barings collapsed at the end of last month after Nick Leeson, a futures trader, ran up huge losses in a gamble that the Tokyo stock market would rise.

Mr Quinn said that the inquiry was in two parts: firstly, to establish "who did what, who might have done what in the circumstances which led to the collapse", and secondly, to see what lessons were to be learned. The nature of the collapse had presented the banking world with a new challenge, said Mr Quinn.

He added: "Banks do live in a more challenging environment. The speed of change of financial markets is, I think, probably unparalleled. Information technology has meant a high premium on agility and the ability to see change and react to that change." The instant nature of derivatives trading called for far closer monitoring, he said.

Insurance chief went with £1.8m

By Jon Ashworth

THE former head of Royal Insurance's American operation was paid more than £1.8 million last year — largely in compensation for loss of office — in a golden handshake that exceeds the emoluments of all the other Royal directors put together. The disclosure, in the group's annual report, will fuel the debate over executive pay levels.

Bill Buckley, who stepped down as chief executive officer of Royal Insurance's American arm in February last year, was awarded a total of £1,867,654. He received £1,262,768 as compensation for loss of office — inflated by a three-year rolling contract — and £547,919 under an executive incentive scheme dating back to 1989. By contrast, Richard Gamble, the chief executive, received emoluments of £361,860 (£297,103) in the year to December 31. Total directors' remuneration came to just over £1.6 million.

Mr Buckley was replaced by Bob Mendelsohn in the hope of accelerating change at Royal's US operations, which had underperformed. Pre-tax profits at the American practice tumbled to £9 million (£30 million) last year.

Royal Insurance went on to unveil record profits of £401 million (£151,000) last year.

Separately, healthy bonus payments have boosted the remuneration of senior directors of Imperial Chemical Industries. The package of Sir Ronnie Hampel, who succeeds Sir Denys Henderson as chairman at the end of April, rose from £479,000 to £607,000 in the year to the end of December, including a £170,000 bonus. Colin Short's remuneration rose to £437,000 (£353,000), and Rob Margetts' package rose to ££358,000 (£255,000). Sir Denys, a member of the Greenbury committee investigating executive pay, earned a total of £786,000 last year, £444,000 of it at ICI and £342,000 at Zeneca.

Non-EU trade gap widens to £343m

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S trade deficit with countries outside the European Union totalled £343 million in February compared with January's shortfall of £291 million.

This was a slightly better result than the City had expected and wiped out fears that December's, now apparently aberrant, deficit of £929 million was the start of a much more negative trend for Britain's trade performance.

The main worry about yesterday's figures was evidence that import prices are picking up as a function of the weakness of sterling. John Marsland of UBS estimates that underlying import prices, as measured by the average value index, rose 6.25 per cent in February compared with a 1.25 per cent rise in underlying export prices.

Some economists predicted that these pressures, if sterling remains weak, could lead to another base rate rise within the next few months although others believe that the slowing of the recovery will preclude the need for such a move.

Sterling showed little reaction to the trade figures but moved higher against the mark as dealers took profits after the recent surge in the German currency. The pound ended more than two pfennigs higher at DM2.2319 and was steady against the US dollar. The trade weighted index closed at 84.8 compared with 84.6 on Monday night.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3135.0	(+10.8)
Yield	4.35%	
FT-SE A All share	1533.44	(+5.59)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	4095.78	(+12.10)*
S&P Composite	497.57	(+1.53)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{15}{16}$%*	($5\frac{15}{16}$%)
Long Bond	102[illegible]*	(102[illegible])
Yield	7.38%*	(7.39%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6[illegible]%	(6[illegible]%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5855*	(1.5765)
London:		
$	1.5845	(1.5799)
DM	2.2451	(2.2140)
FFr	7.9300	(7.8845)
SFr	1.8696	(1.8382)
Yen	141.58	(141.24)
£ Index	84.8	(84.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4156*	(1.4030)
FFr	5.0025*	(4.9850)
SFr	1.1785*	(1.1665)
Yen	89.30*	(89.33)
$ Index	91.0	(90.9)

Tokyo close Yen 91.00

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jun)	$16.70	($16.75)

GOLD

London close	$383.05	($382.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Rail cash needs

Britain's railway and Tube networks require about £50 billion of investment over the next 20 years to raise them to the standard of their European competitors, according to a study of rail finances out this morning. Page 22

Houses warning

Mike Blackburn, the chief executive of the Halifax, Britain's largest building society, yesterday warned Government ministers that unless they are prepared to rethink proposed cuts in mortgage income support, repossessions will rise and the most vunerable of homeowners will be left without a safety net. Page 23

Signet rebels threaten a break-up

By Susan Gilchrist

McAdam: no notice yet

SIGNET, the troubled former Ratner jewellery group, may be forced to break up itself if American preference shareholders succeed in pushing through their demands at a hastily called special shareholders meeting.

Sass Lamle Rubin & Co, the New York investment house, along with other variable term preference shareholders, is to call a special shareholders meeting to force Signet's directors to consider the break-up and a capital reconstruction. The UK Active Value Fund, which holds 24 per cent of the preference shares, is supporting the move. Julian Treger, an adviser to the fund, said the businesses, if sold off separately, could be worth about £820 million. "After repayment of Signet's £360 million of debt, the remaining value would still be more than double the current market value," he said.

Jurek Piasecki, chairman of Goldsmith Group, confirmed he is willing to pay £250 million for the UK businesses, which include the Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains. Mr Treger said several companies were interested in acquiring the US operations.

The rebel shareholders, who have about 25 per cent of share capital and are owed £100 million in dividend arrears, need at least 50 per cent of the votes to succeed. Mr Treger said he was confident many ordinary shareholders would back them. Last night Signet, whose chairman is James McAdam, would only say it has yet to receive a requisition for an EGM.

Defence firms criticise procurement policies

Britain's arms industry voices concerns

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S £15 billion a year arms industry is in danger of becoming "marginalised" by deepening French and German collaboration in weapons manufacture and procurement, industry bosses have warned MPs.

Attacking the Government for failing to lead European joint procurement initiatives, the Defence Manufacturers' Association (DMA) called for Britain to use the threat of banning overseas weapons procurement to force other countries to open their defence markets to British firms.

"If the UK Government believes that the retention of a viable defence industry is essential to safeguard the national interest ... MoD procurement policy should make some provision for enabling the British industry to play a full part in the emerging European defence equipment market," the DMA said.

The submissions, to a joint procurement policy inquiry by the Commons Industry and Defence Select Committees, reflect deep industry disquiet at the implications of accelerating European collaboration.

The Society of British Aerospace Companies, fronting a sector with 135,000 workers, used its paper to the committee to call for the Government to take full account of industrial implications arising from its procurement decisions. That call was endorsed in a separate submission from Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine maker.

Britain's defence equipment industry rivals that of France to be the biggest in the Western world outside America, the submissions show. Spending cuts since the Cold War have accelerated the search for savings throughout Europe and North America. France and Germany have a joint procurement executive to spread development costs over larger production runs. Britain has tended to join programmes on a piecemeal basis.

In its paper to the enquiry, the DMA warned of a growing risk to future capability from cuts in research and development spending. It fell by 20 per cent between 1984 and 1990, while the number of scientists almost halved to 24,000, the DMA said.

"The UK MoD's procurement policies are seen as verging on the hostile to the indigenous industrial base," the DMA told the cross-party committee of MPs. Unless the situation was put right, Britain would face "increasing dependence on politically unreliable offshore supplies of equipment specified to meet other nations' priorities" and risk its export strength.

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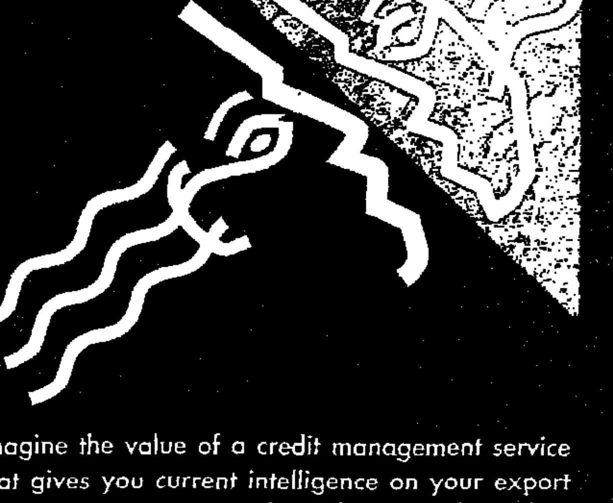

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TRADE INDEMNITY

Waterford returns to dividend

Waterford Wedgwood, the crystal and fine china group, has declared a 0.8p a share dividend, its first since 1988, after pre-tax profits more than doubled to Ir£22.6 million (Ir£10.1 million) in 1994. Earnings per share rose to 2.9p from 1.27p.

Waterford Crystal's operating profits jumped by more than 65 per cent to Ir£13 million, while Wedgwood saw operating profits climb by 75 per cent to Ir£15.3 million.

Avonmore hit

Full-year, pre-tax profits at Avonmore Foods, the Irish dairy and meat group, fell 25.7 per cent to Ir£21.7 million (Ir£29.2 million) in the year to December 31. Results were dented by a Ir£6.4 million loss on the closure of the German meat processing operations. Earnings fell to 10.03p (14.35p) a share. The dividend is raised 5.6 per cent to 3.75p (3.55p), with a final payout of 2.1p.

Maunders up

Maunders, the Manchester housebuilding company, has reintroduced incentives and discounts to sustain sales. In the six months to December 31, profits rose to £3.6 million before tax from £3 million. Earnings were 9.68p (8.13p). The dividend is held at 2.45p a share.

Avonside flat

Avonside, the building services and housebuilding group, is holding the final dividend at 2.3p a share, due May 30. Total payment is 4.4p (4.2p). Pre-tax profits were unchanged at £5.5 million and earnings edged higher to 8.63p a share from 8.54p. The shares fell 3p to 93p.

MARTIN BEDDALL

David Lyon, left, and Michael Hartnall, finance director, with the miniature pumps that Bowater make for perfume bottles

Bowater advances to £226m

By Martin Waller

PRICES of some raw materials such as paper and resin as much as doubled during 1994, Bowater, the worldwide packaging company, told shareholders, although the group was largely able to pass on the effects of such rises to customers within four to six weeks.

Bowater was reporting pre-tax profits that rose by £14 million to £226 million in 1994, and a final dividend of 8p that raises the total by 10 per cent to 13.8p (12.55p). This is paid out of earnings before exceptional items up 11 per cent to 31.2p.

David Lyon, chief executive, said: "By the end of this year, demand and supply are likely to be back in balance. We are through the eye of the storm, but not out of bad weather."

He said the group had not lost volume as it raised prices. Sales were up 12 per cent to £2.21 billion.

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Rail and Tube networks need £50bn investment

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

BRITAIN'S railway and Tube networks require £50 billion of investment over the next 20 years to raise them to the standard of their European competitors, according to a new study of rail finances.

The report, *Investing in Britain's Railways*, published today, predicts "problems on a massive scale" are building up through government underfunding of public transport.

It says that if the money is not forthcoming, travellers face the prospect of ever more delays and cancellations as the nations's outdated railways gradually grind to a halt.

The report argues that about £850 million of investment a year is needed to maintain the railway infrastructure in its current state, compared with the £600 million being spent by Railtrack, the state-owned body that owns railway tracks, signals and stations.

Developing a modern, reliable rail network comparable with the best on the Continent would cost about £29 billion over 20 years, the report says.

If the £11.5 billion cost of a new train fleet and the £8 billion cost of upgrading the London Underground are included, the total bill is about £50 billion, or £2.5 billion a year for two decades. The Government currently invests about £1.5 billion a year in the rail and Tube networks.

Travellers face more journeys delayed by "decaying infrastructure and inefficient trains" if the extra £1 billion a year investment is not forthcoming, predict authors Reg Harman, a transport consultant, Professor Brian Atkin, a former engineering academic, and Gordon Sanderson, a leading surveyor.

The report contrasts the level of investment in UK railways with the £22 billion development of a high-speed train network in France and the £54 billion German railway transport investment plan.

It also points out that the Government plans to spend up to £20 billion on upgrading the trunk road network.

The report says at least 55,000 jobs could be created by the investment it recommends. But the authors see little chance of it being carried out. "In the present uncertain climate for private sector investment, there is little prospect for bringing Britain's railways up to anything like the quality of service of its near neighbours," it concludes.

Imry plans £250m city centre scheme

IMRY HOLDINGS, the property group taken over by Barclays Bank in 1992, is seeking planning permission for a £250 million redevelopment of Southampton city centre (Carl Mortished writes).

The 1.2 million sq ft shopping centre and office project, to be developed jointly with Southampton City Council is expected to create 3,000 full-time and temporary jobs.

Imry has already invested £50 million assembling part of the site which opens on Above Bar, Southampton's main shopping street and a pedestrian precinct. It estimates building costs will amount to £200 million, which will be financed largely by debt.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bupa annual surplus surges to £54.3m

BUPA, the UK's largest private health-care provider, yesterday announced a £13 million increase in its annual surplus to £54.3 million in spite of a generally slow growth rate in the private medical-insurance market. The provident association, which has no shareholders and therefore ploughs back any profits into the business, did, however, suffer at the hands of global bond and equity markets. The return on its investment reserves in 1994 fell by £48.8 million compared with a surplus of £68.5 million the previous year.

The number of UK members rose 3 per cent but the pre-tax surplus in private medical insurance fell to £17.6 million from £21 million previously reflecting the drop in investment income. Overall, Bupa earned £965.6 million in subscriptions against £923.2 previously. The insurer paid out £789.5 million in benefits last year compared with £748.4 million in 1993, the equivalent of £2 million a day.

Johnson Group slides

REORGANISATION provisions of £2.4 million put a dent in full-year profits at Johnson Group Cleaners, the largest dry cleaning company in Britain and America. Pre-tax profits dipped to £14.3 million in the year to December 31, down from £18.2 million last time, on turnover of £169 million (£165 million) as market conditions on both sides of the Atlantic remained challenging. There is an 8p final dividend, payable on May 4, giving an unchanged total of 10.8p for the year, from fully-diluted earnings of 18.7p (23.69p) a share.

New focus for Vinten

VINTEN GROUP, the supplier of photographic, broadcast and surveillance equipment, is expanding in Germany with the £70.6 million acquisition of Sachtler, a supplier of camera support and lighting equipment. The purchase will be part-funded by a placing and open offer to raise £33 million. Vinten reported a 37 per cent advance in 1994 pre-tax profits to £20.1 million from £14.6 million, lifting earnings to 40.2p a share (30.7p). The total dividend rises 15 per cent to 9p.

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BT under scrutiny

THE Office of Telecommunications said it is investigating complaints that British Telecom's methods of supplying equipment, such as telephones and fax machines, to the business and residential market are anti-competitive. The move was triggered by complaints that BT is supplying equipment to the wholesale market below cost and is selling equipment in its BT shops below cost. Oftel will also examine whether BT, as alleged, has refused to stock competitors' products in its shops. The investigation is expected to finish within three months.

BSG expects good year

RICHARD MARTON, chief executive of BSG International, the Britax automotive components to Bristol Street car dealerships group, is confident of significantly improved prospects this year in spite of competitive conditions. Recovery in automotive markets in Britain and America combined with improved margins as the benefits of past actions paid off, helping 1994 pre-tax profits to rise 43 per cent to £15.1 million (£10.6 million). A maintained final dividend of 2.5p is payable on June 2, giving an unchanged total of 3.2p for the year.

Clinton Cards falters

LACKLUSTRE demand on the high street combined with a lack of new cartoon characters held back progress at Clinton Cards, Britain's biggest specialist greeting cards retailer. The group, which has 8 per cent of the greetings card market, made pre-tax profits of £2.6 million in the year to January 29 (£3 million). The result was slightly better than analysts had been expecting after last summer's profits warning and disappointing interim results. The final dividend is held at 3.11p, making an unchanged total payout of 4.71p, to be paid on May 30.

Dorling pays more

A STRONG performance from its US operations helped boost profits at Dorling Kindersley, the book publisher, to £5.26 million (£3.51 million) in the first half to December 31. Profits would have been higher were it not for a £250,000 provision made against amounts due from Pentos, owner of the Dillons bookshop chain, which went into receivership earlier this month. Dorling expects to recoup some of the money owed from Thorn EMI, Dillons' new owners. US sales did best, rising 66 per cent. The interim is lifted to 1.3p (1.1p).

Record sales at Wilson

RECORD house sales, in spite of "a difficult market lacking the so-called feel-good factor", boosted full-year profits by 35 per cent at Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, the property developer and housebuilder. Pre-tax profits rose to £38.2 million in the year to December 31, against £28.2 million last time, as house sales increased by 9 per cent to a record 4,200. The final dividend is raised to 3.18p (2.86p), payable on June 1, bringing the total dividend to 4.54p (4.13p) from earnings ahead 32 per cent to 13.5p (10.2p) a share.

Claremont at £15m

THE acquisition of Magellan Industries last year helped lift pre-tax profits at Claremont Garments, a leading supplier to Marks & Spencer, 30 per cent to £15.0 million from £11.5 million in the year to December 31. Earnings per share rose to 20.7p from 19.1p. Operating profits from the underlying business grew 9 per cent. The group said the growth rate was lower than in previous years due to the warm weather in October and November. The final dividend, payable July 3, rises to 5.0p (4.5p) making a total of 9.0p (8.1p).

Aircraft demand set to soar

By Ross Tieman

LIBERALISATION of the skies over Europe is raising demand for new aircraft, and the struggle for market share has caused Airbus Industrie, the European planemakers consortium, to lift its forecast for global aircraft demand.

Over the next 20 years, Airbus says, the world's 214 largest airlines will buy 14,966 new aircraft with seating capacity of more than 100, costing $1,000 billion. Of these, 7,800 will replace 80 per cent of the existing jet fleet. The remainder will be required to meet a tripling of passenger traffic.

Adam Brown, Airbus strategic planning chief, said strong demand for a new generation of super-Jumbos comes from Asia, which will displace north America as the world's biggest aircraft market. Over the coming two decades, America will experience the slowest growth at 3.6 per cent, while demand in Europe, rising by 4.2 per cent a year, will prove stronger.

According to Airbus, eight or ten Asian airlines are likely to join British Airways in pressing manufacturers to develop a new super-Jumbo aircraft with up to 1,000 seats. Airbus says up to 660 could be bought by the year 2014.

Atlantic air talks hope grows

By Harvey Elliott

BRITISH and American aviation officials who meet in London today are close to a breakthrough in the stalled talks on trans-Atlantic air services. Optimism is higher than it has been for almost two years that a deal can be struck that will give British Airways formal approval for the third tranche of its code-sharing agreement with USAir in return for permission for United Airlines to fly to Chicago from Heathrow.

The American side is also ready to allow British carriers to bid for the lucrative American Government business which has been funnelled exclusively to US airlines under a deliberate "Fly America" policy imposed by Washington.

Under the rules, all US government employees or military personnel are forced to fly on an American airline. Britain has long argued that this is an unfair restraint of competition, and now appears to have won over Federico Pena, the US Transportation Secretary.

British Airways will be the main beneficiary from the impending deal, which will finally give formal approval to an agreement put on ice 15 months ago.

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Operating profit	US$1,047M	+26.2%
Profit attributable to shareholders	US$713M	+19.4%
Investment property portfolio	US$8,311M	+5.4%
Net assets per share	US$5.73	+6.2%
Earnings per share	US¢44.9	+19.4%
Dividends per share	US¢17.8	+21.9%

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Gas reforms will allow for DIY connections

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government plans to allow people to connect their own properties directly to gas mains under proposals to open up the gas market.

The move is likely to be welcomed by building industry contractors, but Labour MPs expressed concern about the safety of allowing such DIY gas connections.

The Government disclosed its intention during the first day of the committee stage of the Gas Bill, and said that the service standards required of potential gas supply companies will be onerous. The Bill aims to provide for competition in domestic gas supplies on a phased basis, starting next year.

Ministers believe that the most likely users of the DIY connection provision will be construction companies, which currently have to rely on British Gas to connect supplies. But ministers accept that individuals, or groups of individuals joining together, will be able to apply to connect their own properties to the mains.

Eggar: "easy as possible"

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, said connection would still require local planning permission, but he added: "We want to make it as easy as possible to connect in, but with sufficient attention given to environmental and safety considerations."

Nigel Griffiths, a Labour industry spokesman, said: "It is important that the minister clarifies who will be responsible for checking the safety of these connections, and what charging mechanism the Government is going to allow."

Ministers made clear the safety of DIY connections would be the responsibility of the gas transporter — in effect, British Gas's TransCo transportation and storage arm.

Mr Eggar accepted that the service standards in the licences for potential new entrants into a competitive gas market — the first of which was published in time for the committee hearing yesterday — placed "onerous" financial responsibilities on interested companies, which would be fully tested by Ofgas, the industry's regulator.

Mr Eggar said Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Gas Supply, would carry out a searching financial examination of each potential entrant before an operating licence was issued.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.11
Austria Sch	16.59	15.09
Belgium Fr	48.70	44.40
Canada $	2.324	2.164
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.49	8.69
Finland Mkk	7.49	6.84
France Fr	8.31	7.66
Germany Dm	2.37	2.16
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.83	11.83
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.1905	4.4405
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	155.00	139.00
Malta	0.595	0.540
Netherlds Gld	2.638	2.408
Norway Kr	10.49	9.69
Portugal Esc	245.00	226.50
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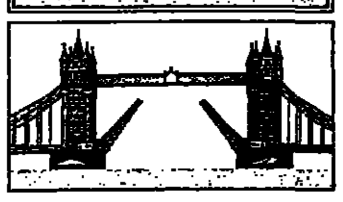

☐ RUPERT PENNANT-REA fell because revelations about his private life at the Bank of England made him look, overnight, too silly to be taken seriously as Deputy Governor. In truth, however, the matching of reliable, hard-working, suburban Eddie George and the sparky, irreverent, posh Mr Pennant-Rea was never the dream team that Lady Hogg and others thought that it might be.

Rather, their pairing left the top of the Bank unbalanced. The unwanted vacancy at number two should be used to redress that.

Barings' collapse may have been be due to a "severe and dramatic breakdown of control systems", beyond the remit of a central bank, as Brian Quinn, the Bank director in charge of supervision, suggested yesterday. The Bank's handling of the affair was eventually energetic. But its failure to make arrangements that would prevent Barings defaulting betrayed an unhappy loss of authority and skill in City matters. Like most of the distinguished bankers gathered in its parlours that weekend, top Bank people were not at home with derivatives. A speedy deal by the administrators of Barings minimised the immediate damage, but the loss of credit to London banks will force other changes — such as greater foreign ownership — that will further undermine the Bank's traditional role.

Individual bank failures do not imply some ghastly lapse or structural inadequacy in banking supervision. Nor was it written in stone that the Bank would always be able to save the good name of the City of London or its legendary merchant banks. As the Bank has realised, to its credit, times are changing. But what should its strategy be? The Bank has not sufficiently explored these changes, or adjusted its role in regulation: as the guardian (or not) of the City, as a leader in EU rule-making, as arbiter of desirable and undesirable combinations of banking, insurance, securities, derivatives and own-account speculation.

Since the days of Montagu Norman, international finance and monetary policy have provided the fashionable roles for top Bank officials. Banking, supervision and the City have often been left to the non-commissioned officers. The George/Pennant-Rea regime was far too preoccupied with monetary policy and the Bank's self-important new prominence in the fight against inflation. Yet that job may shift to Frankfurt within a decade.

For balance, the regulatory side should be the main interest of either Governor or Deputy. After the Johnson Matthey Bankers affair, the departure of Sir Kit McMahon to Midland Bank enabled the former Governor to bring Sir George Blunden out of semi-retirement to beef up the City side of the Bank as Deputy Governor. More firepower is again needed there. The appointment of a new Deputy, whether from within or outside, should reflect that priority.

Chivalry is better than suicide

☐ FOR a decade, the Ministry of Defence has been at war with British equipment suppliers. Repeated poor performance by some leading contractors, allied with a switch to competitive tendering, created an MoD culture more inclined to buy American off the shelf.

Some industry submissions, to the joint inquiry opened yesterday by the Commons industry and defence committees, reveal alarming bitterness. The Defence Manufacturers' Association said that MoD procurement policies are "seen as verging on the hostile to the indigenous industrial base".

In an effort to cure its ills, Britain's biggest manufacturing industry has cut deep. Dozens of factories, tens of thousands of jobs have gone. This treatment is starting to bring efficiency gains. Exports, at £5 billion a year, remain equal to domestic purchases. Many of Britain's defence products are evidently still world class.

So, too, is the manufacturing cost base. But in one key respect the industry has been badly weakened by its war with the MoD. The number of scientists has halved, and the research effort has lost focus. Is Britain to rely in future on American technology? Or shall we devise strategic research objectives, feeding into production partnerships in Europe or north America, to retain key technologies?

A new generation of ministers, led by Michael Heseltine at DTI and Roger Freeman in defence procurement, at least seems to understand the danger. Britain's most successful companies, in aerospace and elsewhere, have abandoned adversarial relations with their suppliers and adopted a practice known as partnership sourcing, to design and develop products and cut costs by secure specialisation. The MoD's aggression towards big suppliers has also outlived its usefulness.

In submissions yesterday, the defence industry asked for a new start. Contractors are willing to contribute more to research costs, in exchange for a more wholehearted commitment from their key customer. Smiths Industries proposed a joint MoD/supplier programme to cut costs by 25 per cent over the next five years. The MoD should have the sense to pick up the gauntlet.

New Labour's alternating current

☐ OPPOSITION politicians have made the most of the Government's season of grief over energy policy and electricity by means of well-placed soundbites. But actual policy statements have been thin on the ground. Martin O'Neill, Shadow energy spokesman, has now pushed some New Labour views to the fore at the unlikely forum of a lunch arranged by East Midlands Electricity.

First, no more nuclear stations will be built and the life of existing plant will not be extended. This may play well with Islington greens but is hardly what the party's supporters in the heavy engineering unions want to hear.

Second, Labour is not opposing the flotation of the National Grid so long as an unspecified proportion of the proceeds go to customers. This comes at a moment when a package being touted by Stephen Littlechild, whereby a third of a proposed four-stage, £100-a-home rebate is funded from the Grid float, is running into opposition from the Grid's owners, the regional electricity companies.

Third, Labour would not always look askance at takeovers, even tax-driven raids such as Trafalgar House's bid for Northern, if consumers benefit.

Fourth, Professor Littlechild need nor necessarily pack his bags immediately if Labour wins the election — Mr O'Neill says there is too much of the "P45 mentality" abroad — but he should expect his life to be made rather more arduous. Providing, one assumes, that Michael Heseltine does not hand the regulator his P45 first.

Policy test

☐ PRUDENTIAL's latest profit reflects reforms made under Mick Newmarch. But these cost spectacular City political incorrectness. Peter Davis, his successor, has to wear an uncomfortable halo. The Pru has done the decent thing on executive pay but stuck to old-style secrecy on pensions provisions. The tougher test for the Pru, as for its rivals, is designing policies for a newly untrusting public.

Halifax chief wants rethink on mortgage benefit cuts

By Robert Miller

MIKE BLACKBURN, the chief executive of the Halifax Building Society, yesterday warned the Government that unless it was prepared to rethink its proposed cuts in mortgage income support, repossessions would rise and the most vulnerable would be left without a safety net.

Mr Blackburn, who was announcing a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £975 million for 1994, said: "Those who don't need insurance will get it and those that do need it will find it difficult or impossible to obtain. That situation cannot be good for the housing market and possessions in general. But it will be even more unhelpful to the Government in the run-up to the general election."

Bad-debt provisions fell sharply to £88 million against £271 previously. But Jon Foulds, chairman of the Halifax, said it would be difficult to sustain the decreasing trend in the face of "severely reduced" DSS income support payment for mortgage interest.

Blackburn: warning

Commenting on the High Court case brought by the Building Societies Commission to test the validity of the free share offer to more than 2 million borrowers after the proposed Halifax and Leeds Permanent merger and stock market listing, Mr Blackburn said: "If the ruling is positive and upholds our view then we shall be issuing the merger documents at the end of next week." The case ended yesterday and the ruling is expected next Tuesday.

The Halifax increased its net lending last year by 13 per cent to £3.6 billion. Mr Foulds added: "The market was price driven, creating pressure on margins. To maintain competitiveness we offered members cashbacks, free valuations, longer term discounted variable rates and the ability to mix and match discounts."

In spite of the increase in mortgage lending, the Halifax's share of the UK mortgage market was steady at 19 per cent. Investment balances rose to £53.7 billion from £51.6 billion while the number of savings accounts rose by 1 per cent to 13 million.

Losses within the Halifax Estate Agency business fell by 50 per cent last year to £2 million. Within this division the Halifax Property Services network contributed nearly 11 per cent of the society's mortgage introductions.

This autumn, Halifax will launch telephone-based direct services from a centre in Leeds, which will lead to the creation of 200 jobs. The new banking-style telephone service will offer unsecured loans and current accounts as well as Visa and debit cards.

UniChem in healthy advance

By Carl Mortished

UNICHEM increased margins and market share in its pharmaceutical wholesale operations last year to produce pre-tax profits of £44 million, up from £37.5 million last time.

The core business of wholesaling drugs raised turnover 12.8 per cent in spite of sluggish growth in prescriptions, while operating margins grew from 3 to 3.1 per cent. That resulted in a 16 per cent jump in operating profits to £37 million, in spite of £1.5 million in one-off computerisation costs.

Turnover in the wholesale business also gained 7 per cent from acquisitions. Moss Chemists, UniChem's retail chain, increased turnover by a third. Underlying growth was 4 per cent and profits increased by £1.7 million to £8.3 million.

UniChem is raising the dividend 13 per cent to 7.2p on earnings of 18.8p a share, up 11 per cent.

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Sainsbury buys club outlets

By Susan Gilchrist

NURDIN & PEACOCK is pulling out of the warehouse club market after only a year with the sale of its three Cargo Club outlets to J Sainsbury for £45 million in cash. Up to 400 jobs are at stake.

Alex Rentoul, commercial director, said the decision followed disappointing turnover levels and rising site costs. "We believe we can achieve better returns for shareholders through developing our core business," he said. Cargo Club lost £7.4 million last year.

There would be redundancies among the 400 employees, but it was too early to say how many. Closure costs, including refunds to the 120,000 members, would total £5.5 million. The sites cost £31 million and the net profit will be £8.5 million after disposal.

Sainsbury plans to convert the Bristol site into a Sainsbury supermarket and the Wednesbury store into a Savacentre hypermarket.

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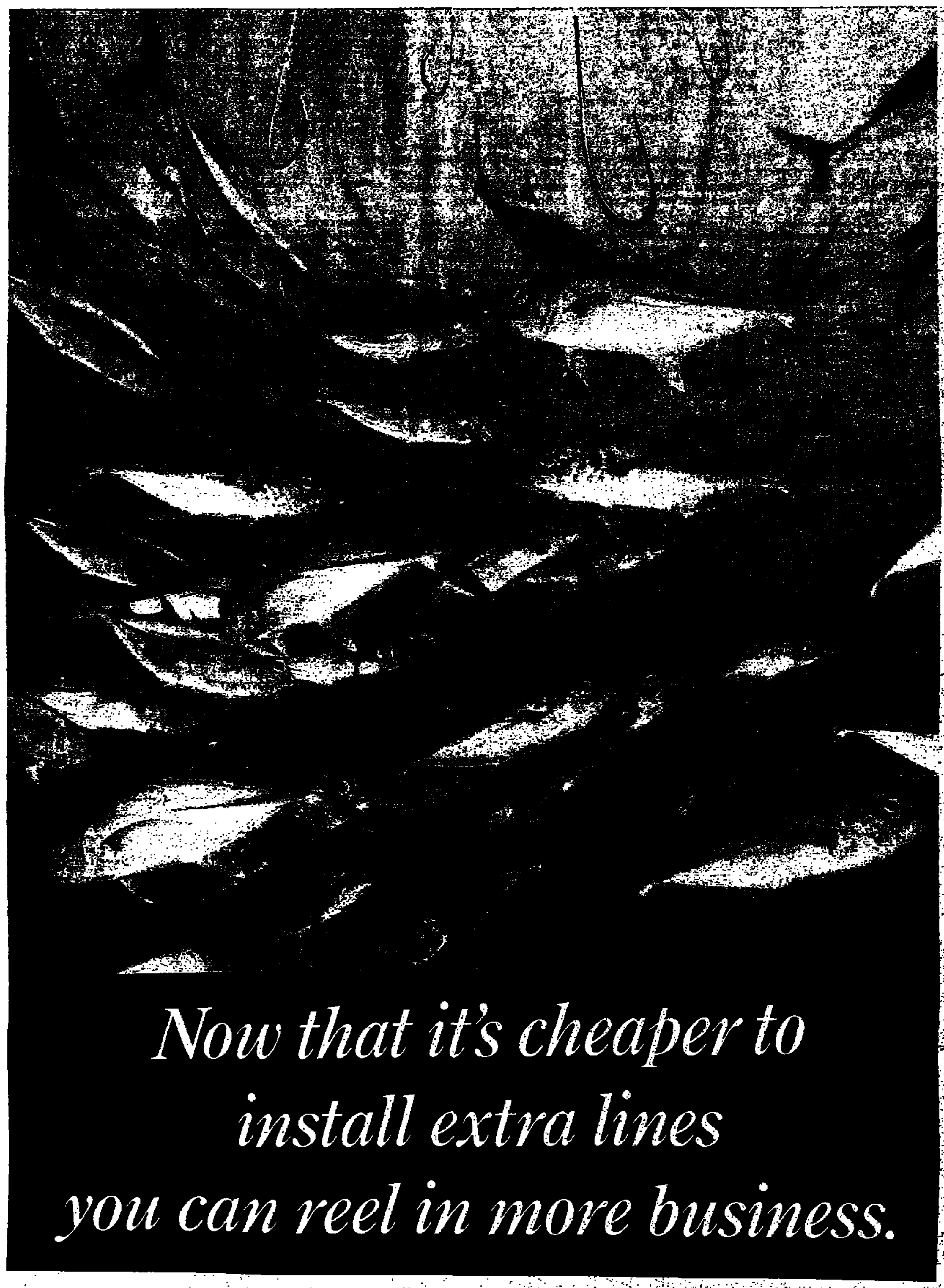

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares run out of steam despite stronger pound

AN ASSAULT by a bullish equity market on the 3,150 level ended in failure after share prices ran out of steam and halved earlier gains. An improvement in the pound's fortunes provided the signal for investors to extend their recent spending spree. Dealers said there was evidence of further program trades as institutional investors continued to plough back the profits earned from Glaxo's takeover of Wellcome.

But trading conditions remained thin, with market-makers still short of stock. This was best reflected in **Amersham International**, which featured prominently in one program trade, with the price soaring *34p to 869p on turnover of just* 248,432 shares.

Even with the support of an early mark-up on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 index never *looked like maintaining its* early pace and saw a rise of almost 25 points reduced to 10.8 at 3,135.0. By the close of business 818 million shares *had changed hands, fuelled* partly by a number of bed and breakfast transactions designed to establish a trading loss before the end of the financial year.

BAT Industries stood out with a rise of 15p to 431p after overnight support in New York in the form of American Depository Receipts. American investors were chasing shares of all the big tobacco producers, including Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco, sharply higher after reports of a setback in the US courts for one of the smoking liability litigants. The anti-smoking *lobby has been making big* strides in the US, and concern is growing about the damage they may be capable of inflicting on tobacco companies' profits.

Bid speculation in **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** boiled over, with the price dropping 10p to 248p after a denial by St Louis, the group's 40 per cent French shareholder, that its stake was for sale. St Louis's announcement came after the close of share dealings in London on Monday.

ICI continued to draw strength from this week's buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson, *the broker, with* the price touching 711p, a rise on the day of 13p. **Thorn EMI** was another strong market, the shares adding 17p at £10.49 after a presentation to US investors arranged by NatWest Securities. **Standard *Chartered*** *firmed 4p to 292p* amid talk of a buy recommendation from Cazenove. **Royal Bank of Scotland** also bounced back with a rise of *10p to 421p, despite ABN* Amro Hoare Govett's reiterated sell recommendation and profit downgrading earlier this week.

Bowater firmed 6p to 432p as the City expressed satisfaction with full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 14 per cent ahead at £231 million *before exceptional charges of* £5 million. The group was optimistic about current trading with profits and margins ahead of last year, with the *increased* cost of raw materials now under control.

A mundane set of final figures showing pre-tax profits 2 per cent ahead at £603 *million left the* ***Prudential*** **Corporation** nursing a fall of 10½p at 322p. Without a doubling of profits to £120 million at its general insurance operation, the final picture might have been even worse. The group refused to reveal the level of provisions relating to possible pension mis-selling. Meanwhile, the group has appointed Peter Davis, the former Reed International chief, to replace Mick Newmarch, the ex-chief executive.

Waterford Wedgwood, the crystal and fine china group where Kneale Ashwell is chief executive, has declared its first *dividend since 1988*, after pre-tax profits more than doubled to Ir£ 22.6 million.

UniChem ,the hospital supplier and chemist chain, advanced 5p to 252p on the back of full-year figures showing *pre-tax profits 17 per cent* higher at £44 million. The group is now starting to benefit from its aggressive acquisition programme which has been partly financed with the proceeds from last year's rights issue.

BSG International, the Bristol Street Motors trader and Britax seat belts group, climbed 6p to 64p in reponse to bumper profits and an optimistic outlook for 1995. Last year saw pre-tax profits climb from £10.5 million to £15.1 million. The group sees significantly improved prospects for 1995, despite continued pressure on margins. Trading in the first two months was said to be well ahead of last year.

Fired Earth Tiles dropped *4p to 37p after returning to the* black last year but deciding against paying a dividend.

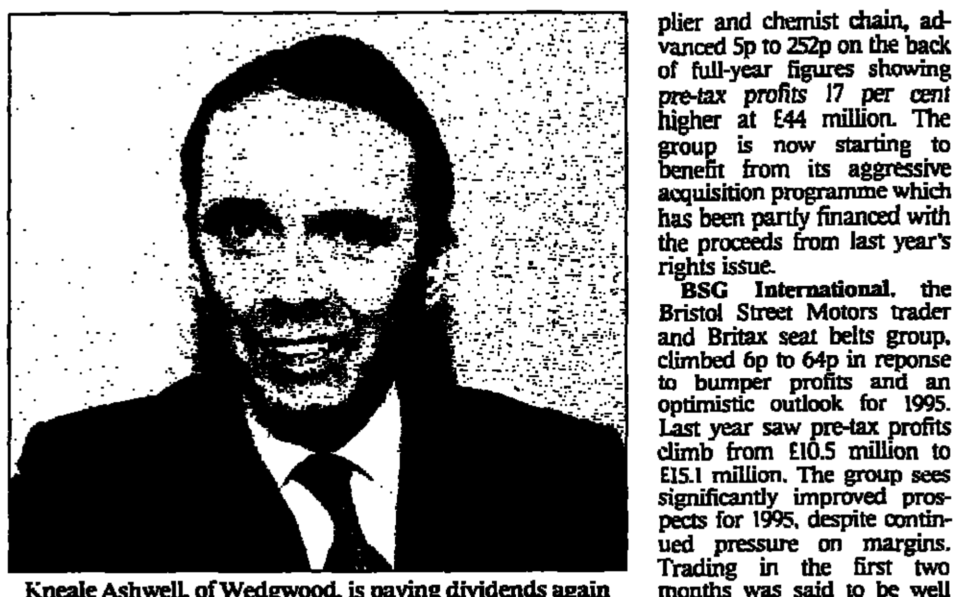
Brewin Dolphin, the publicly quoted stockbroker, *jumped 6p to 140p, despite* hitting the City with a profits warning. Sir David Rowe-Ham, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual general meeting that trading in the first three months of the year had suffered and would impact on first half profits.But he was quick to reassure them that business in recent weeks had recovered and was running at a similar level to last year.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices made further headway in thin trading as investors drew encouragement from the widening non-EEC trade gap last month and an improvement in sterling's fortunes.

There were no surprises from the Bank of England, which will raise £2 billion from the next auction on March 29. It plans to issue further tranches of existing Treasury 8 per cent 2015 stock.

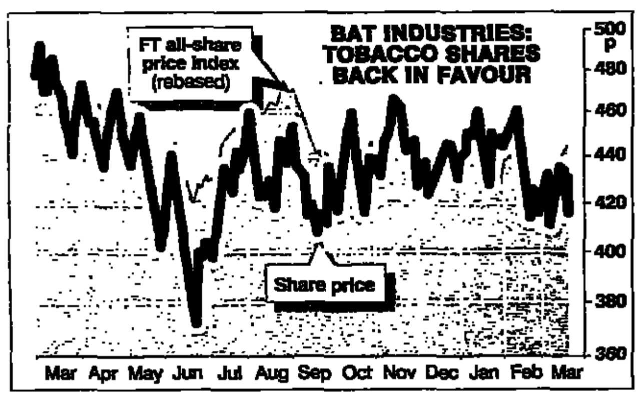
In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt climbed £¼ to £103⁷/₁₆ in thin trading which saw just 39.000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 rose £⁹/₃₂ to £96⅞, while at the shorter end. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 were three ticks better at £98¹⁵/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares held their gains at midday after a big program buy and a better dollar against the mark had pushed them up. The Dow *Jones industrial average was* 12.10 higher at 4,095.78.



Kneale Ashwell, of Wedgwood, is paying dividends again

Rolls-Royce firmed 2½p to 164½p as 8 million shares were traded. Last night the company gave a rundown of current trading to fund managers at a presentation arranged by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker. This coincided with news of $15 million contract in Bolivia to build a gas-fired power project.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	4095.78 (+12.10)
S&P Composite	497.67 (+1.53)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	Closed

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	8580.31 (-14.12)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	394.37 (-0.50)

Sydney:

AO	1914.7 (+10.2)

Frankfurt:

DAX	1982.95 (-8.80)

Singapore:

Straits	2089.07 (-2.47)

Brussels:

General	6911.96 (-25.39)

Paris:

CAC-40	1813.78 (+2.21)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	591.00 (-4.10)

London:

FT 30	2394.2 (+12.4)
FT 100	3135.0 (+10.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3406.7 (+15.7)
FT-SE-A 350	1554.4 (+5.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1248.99 (+4.37)
FT A All-Share	1533.44 (+5.59)
FT Non Financials	1653.00 (+6.05)
FT Fixed Interest	110.58 (+0.29)
FT Govt Secs	92.01 (+0.13)
Bargains	37267
SEAQ Volume	922.3m
USM (Datastrm)	145.63 (+0.59)
US$	1.5807 (-0.0016)
German Mark	2.2319 (+0.0219)
Exchange Index	84.8 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1995
£:SDR	1.0299
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	164	...
Bath Press (10)	12	- ¼
Beale	180	...
Colleagues	128	+2
Dallywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	138	+2
GET Group (125)	128	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	100	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	123	...
HTR Inc/Gth Split (100)	101	+3
-ditto Split Pf (100)	105	+1
Inv Capital Wts	20	+1
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Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Mntmro UK Sml Co (100)	94	...
Mntmro UK Smlr Wts	43	...
Nat Power (p/p) (476)	168½	- ½
Photobition (150)	153	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	189½	+ ½
Schroder Inc Gth Uts	495	...
Superframe Group (50)	50	...
Superframe Wts	7	...
Throg Dual Zero Div Pf	102	+ ½
Zotefoams (145)	174	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Acorn Computer n/p (80)	5	...
Beauford n/p (28)	1	...
Cadbury Sch Cv Ln (340)	212	+3
Cookson n/p (175)	26	...
Digty Cv Ln 95 n/p (335)	79	...
Horace Sml App n/p (90)	36	...
Rhino Group n/p (8)	¼	...
Unit Group n/p (39)	1½	...
Wyko n/p (52)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Royal Bank Scot	421p (+10p)
RMC Group	991p (+11p)
Amersham	869p (+34p)
ICI	711p (+13p)
BAT	431p (+15p)
Danka Bus Systems	409p (+12p)
Morris Ashby	216p (+20p)

FALLS:

Nat Aust Bank	515p (-13p)
Enviromed	*80p (-13p)*

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TEMPUS

Profits on paper

BOWATER continues the *leitmotiv* running through the current reporting season with a further warning about rising raw material prices. The threat of inflation has tended to draw attention away from a somewhat triumphalist presentation of the 1994 figures designed to emphasise the future advantages of a widescale restructuring that has at last taken Bowater out of commodity paper.

Another fly in the ointment came in the form of changes in the treatment of pension surpluses that bring Bowater in line with the rest of the City by assigning benefits to operating profit rather than the interest line. These have probably also over-emphasised the gains from that restructuring division by division, to the extent that margin enhancement within packaging and printing, the biggest sector, subsides by 0.3 percentage points to 8.5 per cent rather than the 0.6 point uplift to 9.4 per cent headlined in the figures. At the same time, headline margins within coated products went temporarily the wrong way, from 11.4 per cent to 11.2 per cent.

Prices for key raw materials are rising because of the growing importance of Asian economies which are soaking up more and more product. Allied to this are various one-off plant shutdowns and growing demand on the back of economic growth. This supply-and-demand mismatch should be put right in due course by new plant brought on line by the big producers. But the wide swings explain just why Bowater was so keen to get out of commodities. For now, the shares sell on 13 times' earnings, which seems about right until further benefits are made apparent.

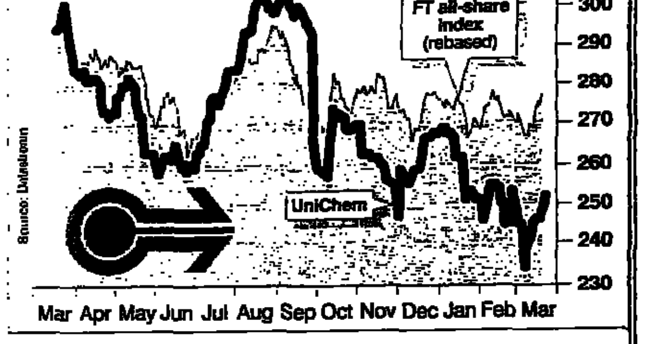
UniChem

UNICHEM is happy to watch the struggle for the soul of AAH, its main rival, from the sidelines. Both companies have about a third of the market and a mere envious glance by one towards the other would attract the wrath of the regulators, so UniChem's sensible preoccupation is cultivating its own garden.

The evidence shown yesterday suggest further reasons why UniChem's profitability is ahead of its rival. The traditionally slim wholesaling margins were nudged up last year with some hope of further small increases as the company fine tunes its stockholding. UniChem is well ahead of AAH in computerising and rationalising its warehouses and boasts a mere 12 to serve the same market that AAH covers from 18 sites. Having put the technology in place, UniChem now has the means to whittle away at the working capital costs in a stock-heavy business.

Equally important for UniChem are acquisitions. Surgical supplies for hospitals are a £500 million market. UniChem has acquired a tenth of the business with Hospital Management & Supplies and should boost its share rapidly among the Trust Hospitals.

UniChem may have other reasons to feel a bit smug as the brickbats fly over AAH. Another restructuring of AAH could mean another year's disruption, all to the benefit of a stream-lined UniChem.



Nurdin & Peacock

SCEPTICS doubted whether Nurdin & Peacock could generate acceptable returns from warehouse clubs and have been proved right. But Nurdin should be given some credit for getting out of the business at a profit.

After the £31 million site *acquisition costs and £5.5* million for closures and redundancies, Nurdin is left with an £8.5 million net profit. However, if one then deducts the £7.4 million of losses Cargo Club made last year and the million or so it may well have lost in the current year, that profit is soon whittled away.

Although shareholders are probably left with nothing, they should see some recovery in the shares as the market was expecting a lot of red ink, and the elimination of a chunk of losses will enhance earnings.

The deal will inevitably fuel further takeover speculation. If Sainsbury is willing to take over sites without planning permission, others may also be tempted to do so. In the new harsh world of planning regulation, Nurdin's 60 or so sites might start looking attractive to one of the bigger food retailers.

Vinten

*THE world is full of con*glomerates — sorry, diversified industrial groups — seeking to buy niche manufacturing businesses. Unfortunately, in their enthusiasm to spend the shareholders' money, most forget the second rule of growth by acquisition: the smaller the niche, the larger the market share needed to achieve results.

Vinten has transformed itself by buying businesses making camera supports and tripods for broadcasting and professional photographic equipment, about as narrow a field as one can find. Hap*pily for Vinten's investors,* the company has spent their money wisely buying the brand leaders in a sector. Vinten is not afraid to buy competing brands, paying £20 million in 1989 for Gruppo Manfrotto, the tripod maker, followed by Gitzo, its main competitor, in 1992 for £3 million. By keeping a price ceiling on the latter's products, Vinten has been able to develop both businesses.

Yesterday's deal continues the pattern: Vinten Broadcast is a market leader in support systems for TV cameras with just less than half the market, while Sachtler, which makes *similar products, boasts* between 30 and 40 per cent, giving the group a dominance that would attract unwelcome attention if the market was not so small. Such businesses generate sales margins of 20 per cent, and last year free cash flow was £18 million, another attraction to shareholders because Viten can gear up on the Sachtler deal and demand less money *from investors.*

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	965-961	May	1025-1023
May	970-969	Jul	1035-1032
Jul	982-981	Sep	1045-1040
Sep	993-992	Dec	1062-1058
Dec	1004-1003		
Mar	1017-1015		Volume: 7274

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3170-3160	Nov	2950-2945
May	3067-3064	Jan	2930-2914
Jul	3005-3000	Mar	2920-2900
Sep	2970-2965		Volume: 3036

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	325.4-22.5
Spot: 386.0		Mar	320.6-17.5
May	380.0-79.0	May	320.1-16.0
Aug	365.0-64.0	Aug	318.1-13.5
Oct	334.9-33.0		Volume: 1492

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	93.34	129.63	122.83
(+/-)	-0.29	+3.95	+1.07
Eng/Wales:	93.61	130.17	122.75
(+/-)	-0.28	+3.97	+1.18
(%)	-6.0	n/c	-9.0
Scotland:	85.96	127.61	123.61
(+/-)	+1.15	+3.78	+0.12
(%)	+18.0	-7.0	-8.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.85	+0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	16.80	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	16.70	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.40	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	18.30	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 171 (+1)	O: 173 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	147 (n/c)	148 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	*147 (n/c)*	*148 (n/c)*
3.5 Fuel Oil	102 (-2)	104 (-2)
Naphtha	172 (-1)	174 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Apr	145.50-45.75	Jul	147.75-48.00
May	*145.50-45.75*	Aug	149.50-50.00
Jun	146.00-46.25		Vol: 9224

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	16.78-16.79	Aug	16.55-16.58
Jun	16.70-16.71	Sep	16.50-16.56
Jul	16.60-16.62		Vol: 19423

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	112.15	Mar	107.00
May	113.00	May	108.00
Jul	114.25	Sep	100.50
Sep	101.05	Nov	101.70
Nov	101.95	Jan	103.80
Volume: 421		Volume: 112	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	298.0	295.0
May	unq	341.5
Jul	—	—
		Volume: 22

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Apr 123.25-123.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	2315	2315	2293
Apr 95	2325	2280	2278
May 95	2260	2200	2200
Jul 95	1990	1990	1943
Vol: 139 lots		Open interest: 4468	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2938.0-2940.0	2899.0-2801.0	975125
Lead ($/tonne)	586.00-587.00	600.00-600.50	153100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1016.0-1017.0	1043.0-1043.5	273850
Tin ($/tonne)	5550.0-5560.0	5615.0-5620.0	17845
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1750.5-1751.0	1788.0-1789.0	1103100
Nickel ($/tonne)	7290.0-7300.0	7435.0-7440.0	58674

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom.	500	28½	38½	45½	3½	14½	19
(*524)	550	4	13½	21	28½	42½	45½
Argyll	280	17½	24½	29½	3	10½	13½
(*293½)	300	6	14	19½	11½	21	23½
ASDA	70	4½	8	9	2	3½	4
(*74)	80	0	3½	4½	7½	9	9
Boots	500	21	31½	40	4½	17	19½
(*515)	550	1½	8½	17½	35½	47½	49
Br Airways	390	15	26½	34	6½	18	22½
(*397½)	420	3	13	20½	24½	35½	39½
BP	420	10½	20½	31	7½	14½	20½
(421)	460	0½	6	14½	39	41½	45½
Br Steel	160	4½	10	13½	4	8	10
(*160)	180	0	3	6	20	21½	23
C & W	390	10	23½	32½	8½	18½	23
(*393)	420	1	10½	20	28	36½	40½
CU	543	17	—	—	10½	—	—
(*546)	592	2	—	—	46	—	—
ICI	700	24	45½	55½	11	20	28½
(*710½)	750	4½	21½	32	42	48	55
Kingfishr.	420	30	34	42½	4	14	20½
(*447½)	460	4½	13½	23	26½	35	41
Land Sec	600	16½	26	33	7½	26	29½
(*605½)	650	1	7	14½	44½	62	64
M & S	390	18½	25	32½	2½	10	13½
(*404½)	420	3	9½	17½	17½	26	29
Nat West	500	27	43	51	4½	12½	20½
(*520)	550	4	18	26½	32	38	46
Sainsbury	420	19½	29	37	4	12½	16½
(*435)	460	1½	9½	18	26½	36	39
Shell	700	28	36	49	7½	16½	23
(*727)	750	2	12½	24	42½	45	50½
Smkl Bch.	500	30	41½	53	4	13½	18
(*524)	550	4	16½	29	29	39	43
Storehse	220	9½	15	19	2½	7½	9
(*225)	240	1½	6	10	15	19	20½
Trafalgar	50	9½	11½	13	0	1	1½
(*59)	60	2½	5½	7	2½	4½	5½
Unilever.	1200	33	57½	85	16	30½	39
(*1229½)	1250	7	32½	58	50½	58	65
Zeneca	850	48	73	85½	8½	20	28½
(*886)	900	18½	44	57	29½	41	50
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	15	23½	31½	9	16	18½
(*394)	420	5	10½	17½	27½	33½	35
Ladbroke	160	14½	19½	22	2½	6	8
(*169½)	180	3½	9½	12½	12½	15½	18
Utd Bisc	330	14	25	29½	12½	18	22
(*338)	360	6	14½	17	35	37½	40½

March 21, 1995 Tot: 36730 Calls: 17301 Puts: 19429 FT-SE Calls: 7498 Puts: 7666

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	475	11½	—	—	9	—	—
(*475½)	500	3	11½	21	25½	34	37
Thames W	460	36½	45½	50	1	13	15½
(*493½)	500	8	20½	27	13½	33½	35½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	23	35	41½	8	20½	22½
(*430½)	460	5½	16	23	31½	42	44½
BTR	300	20½	29	32½	3½	7½	12½
(*313½)	330	5	13½	17	19	22	27½
Br Aero	487	27½	—	—	12½	—	—
(*498½)	536	7½	—	—	41	—	—
Br Telcm	360	31	38	42	2	7½	10
(*385½)	390	11	19	24½	11½	20½	23½
Cadbury	447	19	32½	—	9	15	—
(*453)	486	4	14½	—	34	37½	—
Guinness	420	11½	20½	27½	18	20	24
(*421)	460	2½	7	13½	49½	50	51½
GEC	280	21	26	29	2½	7½	10
(*295½)	300	8	14½	18	9½	17½	20
Hanson	220	20	23	24½	1	4½	6½
(*236½)	240	6½	11	13½	8	12½	15½
LASMO	140	17	21	24½	1½	3	4½
(*154½)	160	5	8½	13	9	11½	13
Lucas	180	20	25	28½	2½	5½	9½
(*197)	200	7½	14	17½	10½	14	19
Pilkingtn	160	14	17	20	1½	4½	6½
(*171)	180	3½	6½	9½	10½	14½	16
Prudential	300	22	25½	30	6	8½	12
(*321½)	330	4	10½	15½	23	24½	27½
Redland	420	31½	37	41½	10	15½	21½
(*448½)	460	8½	17½	22½	34½	39	43
R-Royce	160	10½	16½	19	4½	7½	9½
(*164½)	180	2½	7½	10½	16½	19	20½
Tesco	260	14	19	23	6	9½	12½
(*269½)	280	4	9½	13½	18	21	23
Vodafone	200	12½	18	23½	5½	10	12½
(*205)	220	4	9	14½	17	21	23½
Williams	300	31	31½	36	2½	6	11
(*328½)	330	9	15	19½	15	19½	24½

FT-SE INDEX (*3135½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Apr	153½	112	76½	47	26½	12½
May	176	139½	105½	76	54	35½
Jun	190½	154½	123½	94½	72½	51½
Jul	209	174½	145½	117	96	70
Dec	294½	—	223½	—	171½	—
Puts						
Apr	9	17½	32	53½	83½	121
May	24	37	53	74	101½	134½
Jun	36	49½	68½	89	117	147½
Jul	45½	60½	81½	103	131½	161½
Dec	84½	—	121	—	168	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat.	420	49½	54	62½	4	8½	10½
(*458½)	460	22½	28½	38	17	23	25½
Amstrad	150	20	—	—	3	—	—
(*164½)	175	6½	—	—	14½	—	—
Barclays	600	36½	48	59	16½	27½	32
(*610)	650	13½	24½	36	46	54½	58½
Blue Circ.	280	20	25	31	10½	15½	19½
(*291½)	300	10½	16	22	22	26½	30
Br Gas	280	20½	23½	27	6	9½	13½
(*295)	300	8½	13½	17	16½	19½	24
Dixons	220	14½	16½	19½	9	15½	16½
(*221)	240	6½	8½	11	21½	28	28½
Forte	240	10	15½	19½	11½	15	17
(*241½)	260	3½	7½	11½	25½	27½	29
Hillsdwn.	160	16½	18½	20½	3½	6	8
(*175½)	180	4	8½	10½	15	16½	18½
Lonrho	140	12	15	18½	5½	8½	10
(*144½)	160	4	6½	10	17½	20	21½
Sears	100	4½	7	7½	5½	6½	7½
(*100½)	110	1	3	4	12½	13	14
Thrn Eml	1000	75½	85	96	10½	26½	33½
(*1048½)	1050	43	54½	66½	28	49	55½
Tomkins	240	14½	18½	23½	9	14½	17
(*242½)	260	5½	9½	15	20½	26½	28½
TSB	240	16	22	26	10½	15	16½
(*242½)	260	8	13	17½	22	26	27½
Wellcome	1000	56½	64	—	1	8½	—
(*1051½)	1050	22½	25½	—	17	26	—
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	20	44½	59	16	29	45
(*702)	750	4½	23	36½	50	58½	73½
HSBC	700	23	47½	62	24½	41½	53½
(*716)	750	5½	27½	41½	60½	72	83
Reuter	460	21	35	49½	6½	14½	20½
(*473½)	500	4	16	30	29	36	41
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins.	280	26	33	37	4	8	12
(*299½)	300	13½	21	25½	11½	16½	20½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	13½	19½	23½	10	14½	16½
(*169)	180	6	11½	15½	22½	26½	28½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	46½	57½	65½	11½	27½	33½
(*578½)	600	19½	31½	41	33	53½	61
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	26	31	38	15	18½	21
(*432)	460	7	14	20	40½	43	44½
Scot Pwr	300	32	37	41	5	10½	12
(*323)	330	13	19½	24½	16½	25	26½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 58930	Jun 95	3145.0	3168.0	3136.0	3158.0	14284
	Sep 95				3181.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4066	Jun 95				3410.0	0
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 399595	Jun 95	92.53	92.59	92.50	92.56	22861
	Sep 95	92.17	92.25	92.14	92.22	13931
	Dec 95	91.90	91.96	91.86	91.94	8071
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1204	Jun 95				93.54	0
	Sep 95				93.32	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 731272	Jun 95	94.90	94.92	94.87	94.89	32301
	Sep 95	94.62	94.66	94.61	94.62	28569
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 100549	Mar 95	103-05	103-10	103-05	103-08	3142
	Jun 95	103-06	103-18	103-06	103-14	39881
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	112.30	112.59	112.30	112.48	997
	Sep 95					0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 187129	Jun 95	92.11	92.36	92.05	92.23	125792
	Sep 95	91.85	91.85	91.81	91.73	195
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19977	Jun 95	92.92	93.01	92.91	93.01	3181
	Sep 95	92.95	92.99	92.91	92.99	455
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 36643	Jun 95	96.19	96.20	96.17	96.19	2152
	Sep 95	95.97	95.99	95.96	95.98	697
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 52281	Jun 95	92.00	93.90	92.00	93.75	49105
	Sep 95				93.05	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth: 6⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅜-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁷⁄₃₂-6⁹⁄₃₂	6⅝-6¼	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6⅝	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	7⅛-7	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅝-6¼	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	7⅛-7	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6½ .

Local Authority Deps:	6⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	6⅝⁄₁₆	7	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6½-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⁹⁄₁₆-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.15	6.33	6.63
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6¼	6¹⁷⁄₃₂-6⁷⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7⁹⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4²⁹⁄₃₂-4¾	5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	8¼-7¾	8⅛-7¾	8⅛-7¾	8⅛-7¾	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅛	3⅝-3⁷⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3⅞-3¾	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2⅛-2¹⁄₁₆	2³⁄₁₆-2¹⁄₁₆	2¼-2	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.40-382.80 Close: $382.80-383.30 High: $382.80-383.30 Low: $382.25-382.75 AM: $382.60 PM: $382.90

Krugerrand: $383.00-385.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $418.65 (£264.95) **Silver:** $4.71 (£2.975) **Palladium:** $166.00 (£105.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4799-2.5148	2.5115-2.5148	⅛-¼pr	1-¾pr
Brussels	45.65-46.33	46.23-46.33	1-4ds	2-6ds
Copenhagen	8.8530-8.9910	8.9760-8.9910	¼-1½ds	2½-3½ds
Dublin	0.9950-1.0006	0.9979-1.0006	4-8ds	13-21ds
Frankfurt	2.2118-2.2466	2.2435-2.2466	⅛-¼pr	⅛-¼pr
Lisbon	233.22-236.30	235.66-236.30	93-105ds	247-286ds
Madrid	203.32-205.29	205.00-205.29	52-71ds	160-184ds
Milan	2687.40-2739.30	2687.40-2697.10	11-15ds	33-39ds
Montreal	2.2197-2.2324	2.2198-2.2229	0.33-0.43ds	0.56-0.69ds
New York	*1.5792-1.5850*	*1.5840-1.5850*	*0.03pr-par*	*0.16-0.11pr*
Oslo	9.8820-10.0050	9.9900-10.0050	1⅛-⅝pr	4-2⅝pr
Paris	7.8490-7.9370	7.9230-7.9370	1¼-1¾ds	3⅝-4¼ds
Stockholm	11.4200-11.5270	11.5030-11.5270	1⅞-2¼ds	5⅝-7¼ds
Tokyo	140.35-141.70	141.45-141.70	⅝-⅛pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	15.57-15.71	15.68-15.71	3¼-1½pr	6¼-5¼pr
Zurich	1.8365-1.8710	1.8681-1.8710	⅝-¼pr	1⅝-1¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3779-1.3789
Austria	9.85-9.86
Belgium (Com)	28.86-28.89
Canada	1.4086-1.4091
Denmark	5.6070-5.6100
France	4.9640-4.9690
Germany	1.4000-1.4010
Hong Kong	7.7310-7.7315
Ireland	1.5845-1.5855
Italy	1701.00-1706.00
Japan	88.60-88.70
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5492
Netherlands	1.5702-1.5707
Norway	6.2485-6.2515
Portugal	147.40-147.50
Singapore	1.4123-1.4130
Spain	128.68-128.83
Sweden	7.2320-7.2420
Switzerland	1.1607-1.1612

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5856-1.5882
Australia dollar	2.1823-2.1845
Bahrain dinar	0.509-0.601
Brazil real*	1.4080-1.4121
China yuan	*12.75 Buy*
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	6.8725-6.9885
Greece drachma	359.50-366.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.2397-12.2459
India rupee	49.26-50.22
Indonesia rupiah	3480.00-3548.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.462-0.472
Malaysia ringgit	4.0348-4.0377
New Zealand dollar	2.4412-2.4447
Pakistan rupee	48.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8575-5.9835
Singapore dollar	2.2360-2.2381
S Africa rand (com)	5.7267-5.7352
U A E dirham	5.735-5.859

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	406	Legal & Gn	4,000
ASDA Gp	6,100	Lloyds Bk	3,000
Abbey Natl	3,300	MEPC	1,500
Alld Dom	1,700	Marks Spr	11,000
Argyll Gp	7,200	NatWst Bk	2,900
Arjo Wiggn	8,100	Nat Power	7,200
AB Foods	205	Nth Wst W	744
BAA	3,600	P & O	4,000
BAT Inds	10,000	Pearson	2,500
BOC	2,000	PowerGen	3,400
BP	10,000	Prudential	12,000
BTR	8,700	RMC	365
BT	6,400	RTZ	3,700
Bk of Scot	3,900	Rank Org	2,600
Barclays	3,100	Reckitt Col	246
Bass	2,700	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	3,500	Reed Intl	1,200
Boots	2,600	Rentokil	1,400
Bowater	6,600	Reuters	3,700
Brit Aero	1,900	Rolls Royce	7,600
Brit Airwys	5,300	Ryl Ins	1,900
Brit Gas	9,900	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400
Brit Steel	25,000	Sainsbury	4,000
Burmah Cast	1,200	Schroders	127
Cable Wire	7,700	Scot & New	778
Cadbury	3,400	Scot Power	3,000
Caradon	3,900	Sears	8,600
Carlton Cms	1,700	Svrn Trent	793
Cm Union	2,700	Shell Trans	6,800
Courtaulds	1,400	Siebe	943
De La Rue	1,500	SmKl Bch	7,000
Eastern Elec	879	Smith Nph	5,100
Enterpr Oil	2,100	Sthrn Elec	941
Forte	3,300	Std Chartd	5,600
GKN	3,700	Sun Allnce	4,400
GRE	4,300	TI Gp	793
GUS	1,900	TSB	4,200
Gen Acc	2,800	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Gen Elec	9,400	Tesco	4,400
Glaxo	11,000	Thames W	568
Granada	1,800	Thrn EMI	2,300
Grand Met	4,400	Tomkins	6,100
Guinness	2,500	Unilever	1,900
HSBC	3,800	Utd Bisc	536
Hanson	6,900	Vodafone	5,500
ICI	5,900	Warburg (SG)	521
Inchcape	1,600	Whitbread	1,500
Kingfisher	3,600	Wlms Hld	1,900
Ladbroke	6,800	Wolseley	4,600
Land Secs	1,700	Zeneca	2,600

WALL STREET

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 20 close
AMP Inc	36⅝	36½
AMR Corp	63	62¾
AT & T	52¼	52⅜
Abbott Labs	38¼	37⅞
Advanced Micro	34½	34½
Aetna Life	55½	55⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅝	17⅝
Air Prod & Chem	49¼	48½
Albertson's	31¼	31½
Alcan Alumnm	25⅛	25½
Alco Standard	70	69¾
Allied Signal	38⅛	38
Alum Co of Am	38⅝	38⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅝
Amerada Hess	47⅝	47⅞
Amer Brands	37⅝	37⅝
Amer El Power	32¼	32
Amer Express	33¼	33½
Amer Genl Corp	31½	32
Amer Home Pr	74⅞	74¼
Amer Intl	105⅞	105⅝
Amer Stores	24½	24¼
Ameritech	42¼	42⅛
Amoco	61	61¼
Anheuser-Busch	58	57¼
Apple Computer	35⅝	35¼
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅛
Armco	7	7⅛
Armstrng Wrld	44⅞	45¼
Asarco	24⅞	24⅝
Ashland Oil	32¾	32¼
Atl Richfield	112⅝	112
Auto Data Pro	64⅞	63⅞
Avery Dennison	39⅞	39⅝
Avon Products	56½	56⅝
Baker Hughes	19½	19⅛
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23
Banc One	27½	27⅛
BankAmerica	47⅛	47⅛
Bank of NY	30⅝	31
Bankers Tr NY	53⅝	53⅝
Barnett Banks	44⅝	44⅞
Bausch & Lomb	36⅝	34⅞
Baxter Intl	34⅝	33⅞
Becton Dicknsn	55⅝	55⅛
Bell Atlantic	52⅝	53⅛
Bell Industries	22⅝	22⅜
BellSouth	58⅝	58⅝
Black & Decker	28⅝	28⅞
Block (H&R)	43⅛	43⅞
Boeing	49⅛	49⅞
Boise Cascade	31½	31
Bristol Myrs Sq	65⅞	65⅞
Browning Ferris	33⅛	33⅝
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	58⅛	58⅝
CBS	69⅝	67⅛
CNA Financial	75	74⅛
CPC Intl	56	55⅞
CSX	77¼	78
Campbell Soup	49⅞	50⅛
Can Pacific	14⅛	14
Cptl Cities ABC	91⅝	89⅞
Carolina Pwr	27	27
Caterpillar	50⅝	51⅛
Central & SW	23⅝	23⅜
Champion Intl	38⅝	38⅝
Chase Manhat	34⅛	34⅞
Chemical Bk	39	39⅝
Chevron Corp	47⅜	47⅜
Chrysler	39	39⅝
Chubb Corp	79⅞	79
Cigna Corp	76⅝	75⅞
Citicorp	42⅝	43⅛
Clorox	61⅛	61⅛
Coastal Corp	28⅝	27⅛
Coca Cola	58⅝	57⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	66⅞	66⅞
Columbia Gas	26	26
Compaq Comp	33⅛	33
Comp Ass Intl	63⅞	62⅛
ConAgra	33⅞	33
Conrail	55⅝	55⅛
Cons Edison	27⅛	27
Cons Nat Gas	37⅝	37⅞
Cooper Inds	39⅞	38⅝
Corning Inc	33⅝	33⅞
Crown Cork	44⅝	43⅞
Dana Corp	23⅝	23⅜
Dayton Hudson	69⅝	68⅝
Deere	77⅛	77⅛
Delta Air Lines	59	58⅛
Deluxe Corp	27⅛	27⅞
Detroit Edison	26⅛	26⅞
Digital Equip	32⅛	31⅝
Dillard Dept St	25⅛	25
Disney (Walt)	55⅝	54⅝
Dominion Res	35⅝	36
Donelley (RR)	35⅛	34⅛
Dover Corp	60⅝	60⅞
Dow Chemical	68⅝	67⅛
Dow Jones	38	37⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	39⅝	38⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	53⅝	53⅞
Du Pont	58⅝	58⅞
Eastman Kodak	51⅛	51⅝
Eaton Corp	49⅞	49⅛
Emerson Elec	64⅝	63⅞
Engelhard Corp	27½	27⅛

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 20 close
Enron Corp	33½	33½
Entergy	20⅝	20⅝
Ethyl Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	59⅞	59⅞
FPL Group	35⅝	35⅝
Federal Express	66	66½
Fed Nat Mtge	76⅛	76⅝
First Chicago	48⅝	47⅝
First Interstate	79⅛	78⅞
First Union Rlty	8	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	30⅞
Fluor Corp	48	48⅝
Ford Motor	25⅝	25⅞
GTE Corp	34	34⅛
Gannett	54⅝	53⅞
Gap Inc Del	32⅝	32⅞
Gen Dynamics	45⅛	46⅛
Gen Electric	54⅛	54⅝
Gen Mills	62⅝	62⅞
Gen Motors	41	40⅝
Gen Reinsurance	131⅛	130⅞
Gen Signal	35⅞	35⅞
Genuine Parts	39⅝	39⅝
Georgia Pac	74⅝	73⅛
Gillette	84	83⅛
Glaxo ADR	22⅛	22⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44⅝	44
Goodyear Tire	35	34⅞
Grace (W&R)	50	49⅞
Gt Atl Pac Tea	22⅛	21½
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅛
Halliburton	37⅛	38⅛
Harcourt General	40⅛	39⅛
Heinz (HJ)	39⅛	39⅛
Hercules	47⅛	47⅛
Hershey Foods	51½	51
Hewlett Packard	123⅞	121½
Hilton Hotels	70⅝	69
Home Depot	45	45½
Homestake Mng	17⅛	17⅛
Honeywell	37⅛	37
Household Intl	43⅛	43⅛
Houston Inds	37⅝	37⅛
Humana	25	25
ITT Corp	101	101½
Illinois Tool	46⅛	45⅝
Illinova	22⅛	22⅛
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	30⅛	30⅝
Inland Steel	24⅝	24⅛
Intel Corp	83⅛	83½
IBM	83⅝	83⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	52⅛	52
Intl Paper	72⅛	71⅛
James River Va	24⅛	24⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	62⅛	62
Kellogg	59⅛	59⅛
Kerr-McGee	49⅛	48⅞
Kimberly-Clark	52⅛	52
Kmart	13	12⅞
Knight-Ridder	55⅛	55
Lilly (Eli)	69⅛	69
Limited Inc	19	19⅛
UN Brdestng	121½	122⅛
Lincoln Nat	40⅛	40⅛
Litton	33⅛	33⅛
Liz Claiborne	14⅛	14⅛
Lockheed Martin	53⅛	53⅞
Louisiana Pac	26	26⅛
MCI Comm	20⅛	20⅞
Marriott Intl	34⅛	33⅛
Marsh & McLnn	82⅝	82⅛
Masco Corp	25⅛	25⅝
May Dept St	35	34⅝
Maytag Corp	16⅛	16⅛
McDonalds	35	35
McDonnell D	56⅝	55⅞
McGraw Hill	72	71⅛
Mead Corp	53	52⅛
Medtronic	70⅛	70
Mellon Bk	37⅝	38
Melville Corp	34⅛	33⅝
Merck Inc	44⅛	44⅛
Merrill Lynch	43⅛	43⅛
Minnesota Mine	57⅝	57⅝
Mobil Corp	89⅛	89⅝
Monsanto	76⅝	76⅛
Morgan (JP)	60⅛	60⅞
Motorola Inc	54	54⅛
Natl Medical	15⅛	15⅛
Natl Semi	17⅛	17
Natl Service Ind	27⅛	27
Navistar Intl	12⅛	12⅞
NBD Bancorp	30⅛	31⅛
NY Times A	22⅛	21⅛
Newmont Mng	41⅛	41⅛
Niag Mohawk	13⅛	13⅛
Nike B	74⅛	75⅛
NL Industries	13⅛	13⅛
Noram Energy	5⅝	5⅝
Nordstrom	38⅞	38⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅛	67⅝
Nthn State Pwr	43⅛	43⅛
Norwest Corp	25⅛	25
Nynex Corp	39⅞	40⅛
Occidental Pet	20⅝	20⅝
Ohio Edison	19⅛	19⅛
Oracle Systems	34⅛	33⅞
Oryx Energy Co	11⅞	12

	Mar 21 midday	Mar 20 close
Owens Corning	35⅛	35⅝
PPG Industries	35⅝	35⅛
PNC Bank	24⅞	24⅝
Paccar Inc	41⅛	42
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Telesis	29⅝	29⅝
Pall Corp	21½	21½
Panhandle East	22⅛	22⅛
Parker Hannifin	43⅝	43⅝
Peco Energy	24⅝	24⅝
Penney (JC)	44⅞	44⅞
Pennzoil	47⅛	47⅛
Pepsico	40⅝	40⅝
Pfizer	87⅛	89⅛
Phelps Dodge	52⅝	52⅝
Philip Morris	67⅛	66⅝
Phillips Pet	34⅝	34⅝
Pitney Bower	36⅝	35⅝
Polaroid	34⅛	33⅞
PriceCostco	13⅛	13⅛
Procter & Gmbl	69⅝	69⅛
Providian	36⅛	35⅝
Pub Serv E & G	27	27⅛
Quaker Oats	33⅛	33
Ralston Purina	49⅛	49⅛
Raychem Corp	41	41
Raytheon	72⅛	71⅛
Reebok Intl	34⅛	34⅝
Reynolds Metals	47⅛	46⅛
Roadway Srvcs	52⅛	52
Rockwell Intl	39⅛	39
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	116⅛	117⅛
Rubbermaid	33⅝	33⅛
Safeco Corp	55	55⅛
St Paul's Cos	50⅛	50⅛
Salomon Inc	34	33⅝
Santa Fe Pac	22⅛	12
Sara Lee Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Scecorp	15⅛	15⅛
Schering Plough	79⅛	77⅛
Schlumberger	57⅛	58⅛
Scott Paper	86⅛	85⅛
Seagram	31⅛	31⅛
Sears Roebuck	51⅛	52⅛
Shell Trans	69	69⅛
Sherwin Wlims	34⅛	34
Skyline Corp	18	17⅛
Snap-On-Tools	34⅛	34⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20⅛
Sthwestern Bell	42⅛	43⅛
Sprint Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Stanley Works	39⅛	39⅛
Sun Company	27⅛	27⅛
Sun Microsys	34⅛	34⅛
Suntrust	54	53⅛
Supervalu	26	26
Sysco Corp	26⅛	27⅛
TRW Inc	67⅛	67⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	16⅛	16⅛
Tandy Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Teledyne	22⅛	22⅛
Temple Inland	45⅛	45⅛
Tenneco	46⅛	46⅛
Texaco	65	64⅛
Texas Inst	88⅛	88⅛
Texas Utilities	30⅛	30⅛
Textron	55⅛	54⅛
Time Warner	38⅛	38⅛
Times-Mirror A	19	18⅛
Timken	33⅛	33⅛
Torchmark	42⅛	41⅛
Toys R Us	24⅛	24⅛
Transamerica	56⅛	56
Travelers	38⅛	38⅛
Tribune	55⅛	54⅛
Tyco Labs	53	52⅛
UST Inc	31⅛	31⅛
UAL	96⅛	95
USX Marathon	16⅛	16⅛
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Union Camp	50	49⅛
Union Carbide	31⅛	30⅛
Union Pacific	53	53⅛
Unisys Corp	9⅛	9⅛
USAIR Group	5⅛	5⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅛	14
US Life	36⅛	35⅛
US West	40⅛	40⅛
United Tech	64⅛	65⅛
Unocal Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Upjohn	35⅛	35⅛
VF Corp	50	49⅛
WMX Tech	27⅛	27⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅛	24⅛
Warner-Lambert	80⅛	79⅛
Wells Fargo	150⅛	150
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	37⅛	37⅛
Whirlpool	53⅛	53⅛
Whitman	18⅛	17⅛
Winn Dixie	56⅛	56
Woolworth	16⅛	16⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46⅛	46⅛
Xerox	117⅛	117⅛
Yellow Corp	17⅛	17⅛

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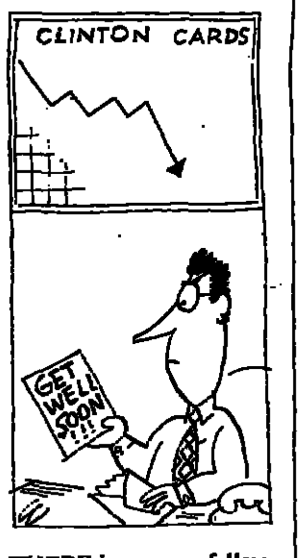
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

SNC wields the axe

SMITH NEW COURT was out with its pruning knife last night. Up to a round dozen, including Ian Barrett, David Silver and Wendy Miller, market-makers in the smaller-companies division, have been tapped on the shoulder. SNC suggests it is all to do with "fine tuning" and nothing to do with cost cutting. Pull the other leg! SNC also suggested that the numbers on whom the axe has fallen should be seen in the context of a group with a UK head-office head count of 1,000. Others in the shake-up include Norman Brown and Jennifer Patling from corporate finance, UK sales people and even some in New York. Several had been long-serving employees of SNC. Other brokers were trying to read the tea leaves from SNC's moves last night, pointing out that last time a broking house seriously trimmed numbers, the market took off in the sectors where the knife had cut the deepest.

Max taxed

THE income tax people catch them young in New Zealand, where Chloe Max surely ranks as the youngest payer on the books. She is just 13 weeks old, and the National Bank has said the NZ$100 in her savings account generated 8 cents in its first eight weeks and that two cents have been deducted and sent to the Revenue.



THERE is a young fellow named Leeson,
Whose life-style sounds quite Dionysian:..
Now he's taken a pull,
On the horns of the Bull,
And discovered the Bear is in season.

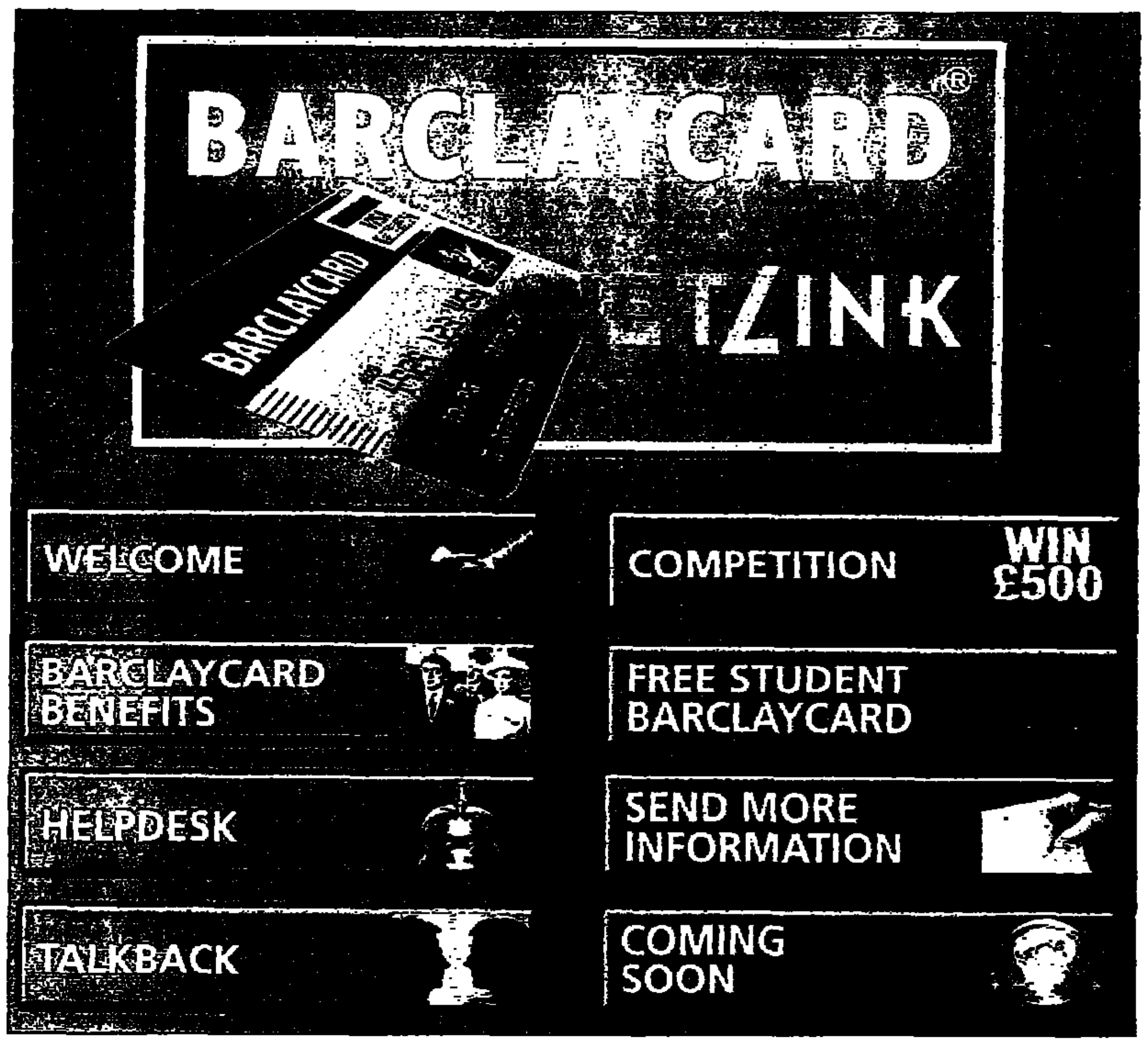
Tied up

IF YOU have ever winced at a truly garish tie that some City type is wearing, and have been overcome with the urge to burn it, you could just be in luck. Today at Bonhams' auction rooms, with Nick Bonham himself bringing down the hammer, hundreds of ties and scarfs from the great and the good are to be auctioned in aid of that very worthy cause, the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. The offerings come from many walks of life. They even come from people whom I never realised ever wore them. Tasteful contributions include a fish tie from Elton John and a loud number from Hugh Grant. The City is represented by a signed offering from Michael Heseltine, while from his Treasury days, Michael Portillo has put up a tie used on the cover of a pamphlet of his speeches called "Clear Blue Waters". By far the nastiest example is a tartan tie belonging to the author John Le Carré. A tie expert from Tie Rack, which is sponsoring the auction, shudders as she describes it as "dark red, green and brown tartan with old-fashioned golfing figures in plus-fours all over it". Le Carré himself does not defend it: "It is surely the most appalling tie anyone ever gave me. I detest golf, have no right to wear tartan, and almost never wear a tie anyway".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Business buys connections on the World Wide Web

The wide reach of the Internet made it inevitable that firms would plug in writes **Eric Reguly**



Barclaycard started its Internet service in January. Users can request a variety of services, including new cards

During the 1980s and the early 1990s, the Internet was regarded as a freak of technology by the vast majority of the population, which had never used it, and as the New World by the few who did. Here was a communications system that had no boundaries, no rules, no ownership and low fees. It was a vast open forum for the exchange of ideas and information, a paradise for intellectuals, free-thinkers and computer nerds alike.

Today, the Internet is evolving into a different beast. It is being touted as a way to expand your business as well as your mind. It had to happen. Any network that can reach so many people so cheaply had to attract the attention of the business world. It has reached the point where any company that can afford a computer is tapped into the Internet, offering a service on it or making plans to do so. "We are seeing the harsh commercial world muscle in on the Net," says Chris Gahan, British Telecom's Data Solutions Manager.

Evidence of corporate use of the Internet is everywhere. Businessmen print their Net addresses on their cards; companies put them on their magazine ads and on their press releases. The World Wide Web, the easy-to-use, point-and-click service that combines graphics with text, has become the business world's favourite Internet tool. Use of the Web, as it's called, is growing at the phenomenal pace of 70 per cent per month. "It has gotten to the point that you can't live without it if you're in business or government or you're a professional," says Tony Rutkowski, executive-director of the Internet Society, an international group based in Virginia that monitors the network's use.

Mr Rutkowski thinks that "Joe Six-Pack" — the American equivalent of the "Man on the Clapham Omnibus" — will never be a big user of the Internet; TV will remain his main entertainment because activities such as "surfing" the Net involve mental effort. But business use is exploding, especially now that clever new software products, designed to allow the user to navigate cyberspace with some ease, distribute digital information and conduct commerce in the emerging electronic marketplace, are becoming available.

Business is attracted to the Internet because it's big, it's cheap and it's immediate.

No one knows for sure how popular it is. The Internet Society estimates that it is used by 30 million around the world, based on the five million "host" computers — computers connected to the Internet that can talk to other computers — in use and an average of five or six users per computer. In Britain, there were 241,000 host computers at the end of January, up 12-fold from the 19,000 three years ago. The figure puts Britain's Internet-user population at more than a million.

Internet growth rates, of course, cannot be sustained. If the current double-digit-per-month expansion continues over the next decade, the planet will have more Internet users than phones. There appears to be little doubt, however, that most families in the world's economic backbone — North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim — will be regular users within a generation (Mr Gahan predicts Internet-access software will replace the mobile-phone as this year's hottest Christmas gift). The business community drools when it sees figures like these.

Reaching Internet users can have considerable cost benefits. A travel company, for example, can update holiday prices and make them instantly available to Net subscribers instead of going through the hassle, and expense, of printing new brochures and distributing them. Responses can be sent back as fast as they're sent out; the cheapie package-tour to Corfu can be found and booked within minutes. "It's instant gratification on both sides," says Mr Gahan.

Many businesses in Britain have launched Internet services in recent months. Barclays Bank and Barclaycard, its credit-card subsidiary, are among them.

Barclaycard started its Internet service, called Barclaycard Netlink, on the World Wide Web in January. It has a variety of icons, allowing point-and-click access to a help desk, a bulletin board and an explanation of services. Users can request personal identification numbers to be reissued, make a change of address, report damaged cards and request new ones. Roger Alexander, managing director of Barclaycard's Emerging Markets Unit, says the Web service has been "accessed" 28,000 times so far.

Barclays, the bank, launched its own Web service this month. It allows, among other things, users to get holiday insurance quotes.

The Treasury also is on the Web. Launched in November, its Web service puts out news releases, minutes of meetings, speeches and economic data, including charts. John Wailing, the Treasury's Information Technology manager, says it has been a big hit in the City. "On Budget day, We had the Chancellor's speech available the moment he sat down," he says. "So many people wanted it, we couldn't cope. So we had to shut our server down and find new routing."

For business users, the Internet has one big flaw. At the moment, it cannot be used to actually trade goods and services. The reason: The Internet is not secure. If you buy products on the Net using your Visa card, you run the risk of revealing the card number to the whole world. To get around the problem, the buyer must send an electronic message to the product supplier, who then phones back to get the buyer's credit card details.

This awkward system, of course, is about to change. A California company called RSA Data Security has come up with software to make Internet trading safe. It allows the user to encode his credit card number with a software "key". Another key is required to unscramble the number at the other end. Visa and MasterCard have become RSA clients.

Alexander: popular service

Mr Alexander, of Barclaycard, says secure trading is the big breakthrough that the business world is waiting for. "We'll soon see an explosion of commerce on the Internet," he adds. "You'll see the electronic shopping mall become a reality."

He expects credit-card payments using encryption, not cybercash, to dominate Internet trading. Cybercash, or e-cash, is digital money that can be loaded into a computer and sent to suppliers over a modem. Mr Alexander thinks it is better suited for small transactions, such as buying several minutes of access time on a particular data bank.

Many businesses expect Internet trading to become a way of life in the not too distant future. A US research firm, Killen & Associates, predicts that Internet commerce will reach £30 billion a year within a decade.

If it happens, shopping will never be the same. Imagine buying a car on the Internet. The carmaker will allow you to pick the model you want on its Web service. You may be asked whether you carry heavy loads, in which case the heavy-duty suspension package will be recommended. A colour chart will allow you to pick the car's paint job, and fancy graphics will show you whether it clashes with the interior fabrics. Once you have done all that, you can send your deposit electronically.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Tidal waves in the world money pool

The French and the Belgians, whose devotion to free market principles has always been a fair-weather affair, have called for an international King Canute to still the currency tides.

Kenneth Clarke, who seems more at home with early British history than with current events, declines (as King Canute did) to get his feet wet.

He is right. Appeals to the Group of Seven (or to the International Monetary Fund, the Bank for International Settlements, or any other involuntary candidate) are based on the primitive view that all the trouble is caused by a few greedy and ill-disciplined dealers, who would slink back to their sties at an authoritative word. Poppycock. These are deep waters, Watson.

An astrologer would no doubt explain the current storm as the result of a combination of malign influences, and he would not be far wrong.

At least four major causes can be distinguished, any one of which would be troublesome on its own.

The first is as old as financial history: the slow agonies of a dying reserve empire — always accompanied, as the ancients knew, by astral disturbances. It happened when Antwerp yielded to London, it happened when the world went off gold, and more mildly when the sterling area was wound up. This time, it is the dollar's turn.

The dollar has been a questionable reserve asset ever since Nixon went off gold in 1971, but it has so far been preserved by a mixture of convenience, cajolery and relatively high interest rates.

Now central banks outside the disciplined Group of Seven, who have been building reserves to prevent their currencies appreciating, seem to have broken ranks. During the great dollar inflation of the 1970s they broke the rules by holding their reserves in the Euro-markets; even the dollars they held were recycled to sustain the dollar glut.

Now the figures suggest that they are at it again; and increasingly they prefer strong currencies, yen and mark up, dollar down.

Notice how the authorities cause at least as much trouble when they resist market forces as when they give way to them, and you have an important clue. The main culprits have been the Japanese, whose efforts to contain the collapse of the bubble economy have simply paralysed a leading financial centre. This has inadvertantly blocked the channels through which their huge national savings surplus was hitherto recycled.

Market forces are now conspiring to block the trade surplus itself, with the danger that the real economy will follow the stock market into collapse. So the yen crisis has an independent life of its own.

Then came Mexico. Here it was the free market which caused the fatal distortion: the rush of dollar funds into emerging market trusts financed a fools' paradise south of the border.

The natural consequence would have been another developing country default: bad news for other emerging markets, but containable. However, the United States has been determined to resist this for the sake both of Nafta and of Wall Street (always remember that Treasury Secretary Rubin is a Wall Street banker).

The result so far has been that the markets see the US committed to finance another large deficit as well as its own. Enough to cause a sizeable ripple, if not a tidal wave.

Other things being equal, the equinoctial disturbances in Europe, as German priorities impose their usual discomfort, would be a little local problem. But other things are not equal. Dollar-yen panic has made the seasonally strong mark irresistibly attractive in the markets (and the Swiss franc, the traditional funk currency, still more so). The result has been to make a minor drama into a real Euro-crisis. In calmer times, the finance ministers might have been able to trim sails and resume sailing order; in the present storm, the task looks impossible.

This is a bitter season for Euro-dreamers (including those in our own Labour Party); but they should be comforted by the resilience of the real economy, and shelve their plans for a peaceful ordered world for a better season. When? Ask an astrologer.

BAA heading Down Under

The airports group, facing a sales slowdown, is looking overseas, says **Rachel Bridge**

BAA, the airport operator, has set its sights on Australia in a bid to expand its operations overseas. The group, whose airports include Heathrow and Gatwick, has indicated that it is preparing to spend up to A$500 million (£230 million) to buy some of the country's main airports.

It is a bold move for the group, whose existing airports are all within the British Isles. However, it has made it clear it means business Down Under — from Friday BAA shares have been listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange as a sign of its commitments to the region. The group has also embarked on a national tour of the country's institutional investors and Sir John Egan, chairman, is flying out this week for a tour of the airports.

All 22 of Australia's airports are for sale as part of the federal government privatisation programme and analysts estimate the total value of the airports could be A$2 billion. The government is expected to decide how the sale will be structured in the next couple of months — one option would be to sell the airports in bundles, although institutional investors have indicated that they would prefer to see the bigger airports sold off individually.

Nigel Ellis, BAA's finance director said yesterday the group was prepared to spend "several hundreds of millions of dollars" to get what it wanted. The group has joined forces with AMP and NSW State Super, the Australian fund managers, to make the bids — under the government's foreign ownership laws BAA can only own up to 49 per cent of an acquisition. Mr Ellis said the group is most keen to acquire the country's larger airports, such as Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth, and would only take on the smaller ones if they came in a package with one of the big ones. If all goes to plan, BAA would like to eventually float off its new Australian business as a separate company.

But in the meantime, competition for the airports is expected to be intense — the sell-off has attracted the interest of a number of overseas operators including Amsterdam's Schipol airport, Aeroport de Paris of France, and Johnson Controls and Lockhead Terminals of America. Mr Ellis emphasised that a key part of BAA's strategy would be to bump up the revenues from the airports' retail operations. He said: "We think there is potential to expand the income from the shops. The revenue they are making is only a relatively modest percentage of what we think is possible. We would anticipate expanding spend per passenger steadily over the next ten years."

In the nine months to December 1994 BAA raised total retail revenue almost 10 per cent to £401.9 million, with the bulk of the increase coming from specialist shops.

BAA's move overseas is a timely one for the group as it faces the prospect of a slowdown in revenue growth from existing operations. Mr Ellis said BAA expects to lose about 3 per cent of its total net traffic to the Channel Tunnel in its first year of operations, while the group also acknowledges that its revenues will be affected by the ending of duty free sales between European countries when they are phased out in 1999.

Mr Ellis said that the group had been looking to expand in three main areas — Europe, the US and Australia. He said: "The problem that we have is that we can only invest in stable parts of the world. That really rules out most of the Third World and former communist countries."

He emphasised, however, that BAA intended to stay with its core business of operating airports. "Our strategy is very simple. We are an airport company. We don't want to become a conglomerate. We think that we can make more money this way," he said.

Australia-bound: Sir John Egan, BAA chairman, is to tour potential purchases

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PLACING
of up to
23,739,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each
at 100p per share
with
4,747,800 Warrants attached
in the proportion of one Warrant to every five Ordinary Shares
sponsored by
BREWIN DOLPHIN BELL LAWRIE LIMITED

Each Warrant will confer the right to subscribe for one Ordinary Share at a price of 100p on 31st January in any of the years 1997 to 2007 inclusive

Share Capital

Authorised			Issued and to be issued fully paid*	
Nominal Value	Number		Nominal Value	Number
£7,121,700	28,486,800	Ordinary Shares of 25p each	£5,934,750	23,739,000

*On the basis that all the Ordinary Shares available under the Placing are allotted and issued.

The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust PLC is a new investment trust which will be managed by Stewart Ivory & Company Limited and which has been established with the objective of providing long term capital growth for its shareholders through investment mainly in smaller Asian quoted companies.

Copies of the listing particulars relating to The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust PLC can be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays and public holidays) up to and including 4th April 1995 from the following:

Stewart Ivory & Company Limited
Marketing Department
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Edinburgh EH2 4HW

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22nd March 1995

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	162.70	172.20	...	0.22
Grofund Equity	233.30	248.20	+ 2.80	2.18
Grofund Euro	198.00	209.50	+ 1.10	0.59
Grofund Expl Bal	105.20	109.00		2.83
Grofund Gth	73.74	76.02	+ 0.11	5.37
Grofund Japan	149.60	158.30	- 0.50	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	527.90	561.70†	+ 4.10	3.03
General Inc	460.30	489.70†	+ 3.60	3.03
UK Growth Acc	355.70	378.50	+ 2.80	3.04
UK Growth Inc	243.40	259.00	+ 1.90	3.04
Higher Inc Acc	651.80	693.50	+ 3.30	4.25
Higher Inc Inc	376.70	400.80	+ 1.90	4.25
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.60	197.00†	+ 0.60	5.98
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	88.41	93.38†	- 0.27	5.98
Nth America	268.20	285.40	- 0.40	
Far East	326.70	347.60	+ 1.00	0.39
Europe	267.90	285.00†	+ 1.20	0.93
Brit Excell	70.66	75.17	+ 0.52	3.22
Brit Fortunits Acc	99.26	105.60†	+ 0.40	5.04
Brit Fortunits Inc	71.13	75.68†	+ 0.29	5.04
Global Opps	81.85	87.08	+ 0.14	0.38
Balanced Acc	53.07	56.40	- 0.29	3.22
Balanced Inc	51.71	55.02	+ 0.27	3.22
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.40	134.20†	+ 0.40	7.95
High Inc Equity	155.40	166.20	+ 1.10	4.74
Worldwide Bond	271.90	288.50†	+ 0.50	5.27
Capital Growth				
American Growth	280.10	300.30	+ 0.10	.80
Asian Pacific	293.80	312.60	- 2.20	.
Assets & Earnings	250.40	266.40	+ 2.40	3.01
Commdty & Energy	94.38	100.40†	- 0.60	.13
Euro Capital Inc	131.30	139.40	+ 0.30	.70
(Accum Units)	139.20	148.80	+ 0.30	.69
General	223.40	237.70†	- 2.20	2.79
Japan	109.80	117.40	+ 0.20	..
Masterfund	133.80	143.10	- 0.30	1.82
US Growth Dist	109.80	117.40	+ 0.20	3.10
US Emerging Cos	131.60	140.00	+ 1.70	
Income & Growth	372.80	396.60	- 3.70	3.15
Ethical	64.20	68.30	+ 0.19	3.15
International	106.60	113.40		1.02
Dividend & Growth	57.95	61.65	+ 0.43	4.56
Global Gwth & Sec	66.75	71.19	+ 0.20	2.54
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.25	£16.58	.	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	43.86	45.53	+ 0.02	0.68
Cash	50.13	50.13†	.	5.83
Emerging Mkts	61.54	65.22	- 0.20	0.06
European	107.30	112.10†	+ 0.60	..
Exempt	915.00	984.00	- 0.70	1.89
Extra Income #	43.87	47.01†	+ 0.12	6.41
Far East Emg Eco	106.30	112.80	+ 0.10	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.58	22.65†	- 0.01	9.13
Fund Inv Tst	153.00	161.00	+ 0.20	1.04
Japan	169.40	177.80	+ 1.10	.
Latin American	41.65	43.71	- 0.42	1.11
Pacific	68.21	71.95	+ 0.12	0.37
Property Share	59.83	62.80	+ 0.54	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	59.34	62.29	- 0.07	1.99
UK Growth	42.66	45.16	+ 0.24	2.59
Amer World Port #	69.57	70.61	+ 0.27	2.32
Ethical	59.37	62.32	- 0.02	2.82
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.87	48.87†	- 0.03	7.68
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	67.50	71.91†	- 0.51	3.00
British Income	78.79	83.82†	- 0.75	3.79
Select Portfolio	81.35	86.54†	- 0.17	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.00	76.39†	+ 0.51	2.70
Income Builder Inc	65.68	69.87	- 0.36	3.12
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	222.40	237.70	+ 1.30	3.28
Capital	388.20	414.90	+ 2.60	1.99
Balanced	653.30	698.30†	- 2.40	2.85
Accumulator	£12.08	£12.91	+ 5.00	3.14
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.42	50.69†	+ 0.05	3.51
High Income	375.40	401.30†	+ 2.50	3.85
Equity Income	212.30	226.90	- 1.10	3.67
High Yield	230.30	246.10	+ 1.20	3.53
Govt Securities	33.00	34.84†	- 0.04	6.08
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	145.20	155.20†	+ 0.90	0.45
European Growth	33.01	35.18	- 0.10	0.01
International	150.00	160.30†	- 0.10	0.21
Japan	184.20	196.30†	- 0.50	0.01
Pacific	352.10	376.30	- 0.20	0.01
Secs of America	427.40	454.30†	- 2.60	0.51
Worldw Asset Val	45.39	48.51	- 0.08	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	502.90	537.60†	- 2.70	2.37
Com & Gilt	41.31	44.15†	+ 0.30	5.25
Smaller Cos	156.10	166.60	+ 0.30	1.33
2nd Smaller Cos	147.90	158.19†	- 0.20	1.54
Recovery	130.40	139.30	+ 0.60	1.88
Met Min & Cmdy	143.60	153.20	- 0.50	0.79
Oseas Earnings	235.00	252.10†	+ 1.50	1.82
Technology	159.20	170.90	+ 1.40	0.01
UK Special Sits	433.90	463.80†	+ 2.60	1.87
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Critical Dist Pers	95.31	99.02		3.04
Fountain Pest Pecs	59.32	61.63		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	69.25	73.67	- 0.04	2.20
International	60.46	64.32		.
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	263.20	284.90	- 0.20	
Bond	110.70	116.60	+ 0.20	7.15
Brit Smlr Cos	92.16	98.04	+ 0.34	1.90
Conv & Gen #	61.97	65.93†	+ 0.32	5.97
Europe	211.10	225.00	+ 1.30	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	95.89	102.10	+ 0.30	0.60
Income Gwth	322.50	343.10†	- 2.20	4.53
Japan	279.50	296.90	+ 0.90	..
Latin American	54.08	57.53	- 0.17	..
Pacific	98.32	104.60	- 0.30	1.48
UK Smlr Cos	49.35	52.54	+ 0.06	1.45
Japan Fd	623.80	642.80†	+ 1.80	
Mngd Fd	167.10	177.60	+ 0.50	3.17
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	270.20	284.40	- 1.90	1.30
Capital Gwth	106.50	112.10	+ 1.20	2.39
Wwide Opps	169.40	178.30	+ 1.10	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	332.90	346.60	+ 4.0	3.22
European Bd Inc	87.82	90.98	+ 0.05	7.87
Exempt	71.20	75.95	+ 0.67	4.41
Financial	71.91	76.91	+ 0.48	2.98
500.0	412.90	441.80†	+ 1.20	2.81
General	259.20	277.90†	+ 2.80	3.01
Property	243.40	264.60	..	8.54
Trustee	173.20	185.20	+ 1.40	2.61
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	.	5.45
Extra Income	112.80	120.60	+ 0.80	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.94	57.81†	+ 0.10	8.89
Income	494.00	528.40	+ 4.10	4.34
Income Builder	58.74	62.49†	+ 0.43	5.13
Intl Income	59.11	62.66	+ 0.14	3.83
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.80	120.30†	+ 1.0	2.71
Leisure	115.60	123.60	+ 0.70	1.73
Recovery	395.30	422.70	+ 3.20	3.01
Smlr Cos Inc	40.95	43.92	.	2.33
Special Sits	268.10	286.80	+ 1.60	1.68
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	125.30	132.90	- 0.30	0.61
Aust Acc	221.50	235.60	- 1.10	2.28
Aust Inc	136.20	144.90	- 0.70	2.28
Euro Gwth Inc	143.50	152.40	+ 0.10	1.27
(Accum Units)	153.60	163.00	+ 0.10	1.27
Japan & Gen Inc	160.10	169.50†	+ 0.80	
(Accum Units)	161.90	171.40	+ 0.80	
Japan Spec Sits	72.83	77.15	+ 0.40	
Univ Tech Inc	76.57	81.15	+ 0.52	0.08
Worldwide	159.10	168.90	+ 0.30	1.98
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	91.14	96.67	+ 0.18	.
Amer Smlr Cos	127.00	136.00	+ 1.00	..
Convertibles	51.57	55.05†	+ 0.19	5.70
Eastern	253.30	273.40	- 0.40	0.30
Equity Income	83.02	89.57	+ 0.28	4.90
European Growth	286.10	303.30	+ 0.80	0.80
Europe	213.80	227.00	.	0.20
German Growth	72.11	76.45	+ 0.02	0.50
Global Bond	62.03	65.34	+ 0.15	6.20
Global Growth	118.50	126.40	+ 0.50	
Japan Growth	176.10	187.70	+ 0.30	...
Japan Sunrise	148.20	157.50	+ 0.30	
Korea Trust	76.63	84.62	- 0.83	.
Portfolio	123.30	132.00†	+ 0.60	1.80
(Accum Units)	226.70	242.90	+ 1.20	1.80
UK Growth	79.28	85.12	+ 0.59	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.81	82.83	+ 0.38	1.80
Select Managers	71.01	76.20	+ 0.31	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	70.41	74.90	+ 1.30	.
Special Opps Inc	51.83	55.14†	+ 0.86	.
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	101.73	107.65	+ 1.16	1.97
(Accum Units)	114.35	121.01	+ 1.30	1.97
Smaller Cos	94.73	100.24	- 2.90	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.80	45.29	+ 0.36	4.76
American Gth Inc	71.18	75.33†	- 0.23	.
European Growth	124.16	131.38†	+ 0.30	.
(Accum Units)	126.60	133.97	+ 0.31	
Global Bond Inc #	26.28	27.24	- 0.02	8.29
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.20	41.47†	+ 0.04	1.54
(Accum Units)	39.96	42.27	+ 0.04	1.64
Intl Spec Opps	105.79	111.95	- 0.35	...
Pacific Gth	113.61	120.22	+ 1.66	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	72.02	76.21	+ 0.83	3.73
(Accum Units) #	73.75	78.04	+ 0.85	3.73
Japan	54.34	57.51†	+ 0.01	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.92	95.84†	+ 0.32	7.99
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	62.40	63.19†	+ 0.07	6.48
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	148.00	157.50	+ 0.50	1.90
UK Growth	160.90	171.20†	+ 1.90	2.48
UK Income	127.90	136.10	+ 1.10	4.60
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	179.30	190.10	+ 1.20	2.08
-do- Income Dist	104.20	110.50	+ 0.40	4.53
(Accum Units)	314.80	333.40	+ 1.20	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.99	41.33†	+ 0.17	6.58
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	151.00	160.70†	+ 0.10	
European Inc	75.16	79.50	+ 0.37	0.58
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.39	80.21†	+ 0.06	2.22
Growth	398.90	424.48†	+ 2.10	2.68
Income & Growth	388.50	413.30	+ 5.00	4.15
(Accum Units)	554.40	589.88	- 7.10	4.15
Japan & Gen	65.44	69.45†	+ 0.58	
Master Portfolio	£96.22	£99.79	+ 22.00	2.22
(Accum Units)	£114.79	£119.05	+ 26.00	2.22
Special Sits	91.40	97.30	+ 0.49	2.61
High Yield	£12.60	£12.98	+ 8.00	4.81
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.55	84.90	+ 0.24	2.50
American Portfolio	91.33	97.21	+ 0.50	1.20
European Portfolio	90.29	96.26	- 0.94	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	60.26	64.01†	+ 0.39	.
Pacific Portfolio	127.48	136.99	- 0.58	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	72.85	77.95	+ 0.30	3.42
Utility & Bond	52.45	53.09	+ 0.03	7.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	636.50	638.60		4.87
Fxd In Sec	145.85	146.00	..	9.93
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 6000				
UK General Tst	60.92	64.88	+ 0.40	3.07
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	525.05	525.22		4.97
Accum	576.90	526.98	..	.
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.16		9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60	..	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	104.95	113.77	.	.
UK Income	100.85	109.72	.	5.46
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	78.16	80.69	...	1.50
Beck Big-Tech	25.87	28.80	.	
Accm Ethical Tst	139.64	147.20		0.73
City Fin Assets	65.08	69.23	.	7.30
City Fin America	84.33	88.77	..	
City Fin Intl	70.67	74.39	.	0.98
City Fin Japan	149.02	156.86		
Friars Hse Cap	259.45	280.28		1.78
Friars Hse Inc	184.92	202.69		4.20
Buckley Wrld Gth	114.65	121.97†	.	0.10
Falconer Cap Gth	127.67	135.82	...	...
Falconer Intl	139.19	148.07		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.93	55.30	...	4.45
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.23	53.29	- 0.27	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.72	61.73	+ 0.40	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.48	36.88	+ 0.22	0.56
Dragon Growth	61.83	66.13	- 0.08	0.68
Equity High Inc	78.44	83.45†	- 0.53	4.37
(Accum Units)	106.30	113.08	+ 0.72	4.31
European Gwth	48.83	51.95	+ 0.19	1.12
Evergreen	26.70	28.56	- 0.08	.
General Equity	80.59	85.51	+ 0.55	2.94
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	...	.	.	..
Japan Growth	47.05	50.32	+ 0.41	.
Pedigree Gwth	48.39	51.48	+ 0.34	2.91
Prd Sm Cos Inc	29.27	30.07	+ 0.07	1.52
(Accum Units)	29.38	31.25	+ 0.08	1.52
Retirement Inc #	24.43	25.99	+ 0.17	6.17
Special Sits	35.75	38.03	+ 0.24	2.23
UK & Overseas	45.27	48.16	+ 0.26	1.47
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	65.59	69.53†	+ 0.39	2.29
Income	59.22	62.77†	+ 0.28	4.21
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.66	161.34	+ 1.23	3.92
Fixed & Convertible	38.33	40.78	+ 0.07	7.54
Monthly Inc Plus	46.28	49.23	+ 0.19	9.10
Preference Share	45.02	47.89	+ 0.05	7.71
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.56	122.94	+ 0.78	7.58
Managed Fund	65.08	69.24	+ 0.36	3.05
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.83	38.12	+ 0.07	1.78
(Accum Units)	40.99	43.61	+ 0.08	1.78
UK & General	75.96	80.81	+ 0.59	2.74
(Accum Units)	95.07	101.14	+ 0.73	2.74
UK Growth	135.98	144.66	- 0.21	2.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	179.23	190.67	+ 0.86	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	117.94	125.47	+ 0.47	.
Global Bond	78.26	83.17	+ 0.22	6.09
Japan Growth	108.99	115.95	+ 1.01	..
North Amer Gth	166.79	177.44	- 0.45	
Oriental Growth	70.05	74.52	- 0.01	.
Worldwide Growth	61.93	65.88	+ 0.38	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.28	93.28	+ 0.01	6.03
Homemaker Fund	74.73	79.50†	+ 0.38	1.90
Quilter Fund	122.16	129.96†	+ 0.82	2.49
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.67	59.22	+ 0.43	3.40
(Accum Units)	60.29	64.13	+ 0.47	3.40
High Income	32.59	34.66	+ 0.16	4.98
Japan	33.22	35.33	+ 0.27	.
Smaller Cos Inc	28.45	30.26	+ 0.09	2.80
Smaller Cos	30.12	32.04	+ 0.09	2.60
North American	32.10	34.14	- 0.07	0.70
European	35.70	37.97	+ 0.17	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	28.61	30.73†	...	3.61
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	133.80	142.40	- 0.80	2.17
Income	64.36	68.47	- 0.15	5.22
European	58.56	62.30	+ 0.41	0.99
Recovery	145.60	154.90†	- 0.70	2.36
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	774.00	727.20	.	3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 699 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.59	74.45	- 0.75	1.32
Income #	228.80	243.30	+ 4.70	4.87
(Accum Units) #	563.30	599.20		4.81
Smaller Cos	149.20	158.70	+ 0.40	0.61
(Accum Units)	182.40	194.40	+ 0.50	0.61
Inv Portfolio	75.56	80.38†	+ 0.68	1.50
High Inc Port #	65.87	70.07	- 0.45	4.95
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.04	£15.41	.	.
Japan Small Cos	£11.50	£11.73	.	.
UK Small Cos	£16.50	£17.24	.	.
US Small Cos	£15.56	£16.05		.
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	188.80	198.70		3.20
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	264.90	280.30	+ 1.40	0.99
New Asia	195.50	208.50	- 1.08	0.16
Japan Growth	107.80	114.90	+ 0.50	
Jap Smlr Co	435.80	463.50	+ 2.40	..
Nth Amer	263.40	279.20	.	0.85
Smllrd Asia Pac Mt	170.50	116.90	- 0.60	0.38
UK Inc & Gth	204.20	217.90	+ 1.60	3.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	134.70	143.30	+ 1.50	1.87
UK High Inc Inc	143.50	152.70	+ 1.30	4.71
(Accum Units)	183.90	195.60	+ 1.70	4.71
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.56	60.03	+ 0.14	5.22
Overseas Opps	81.38	86.57	+ 0.52	1.86
UK Smlr Cos #	47.18	50.19	+ 0.03	..
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 890 526				
American	120.70	128.20	+ 0.50	1.37
Convertibles #	19.61	20.84†	+ 0.11	6.72
Equity Income #	118.80	128.20†	+ 0.70	4.20
EuroFund	43.43	46.05	+ 0.10	0.43
Financial	41.60	44.29	+ 0.20	1.70
Growth & Inc #	221.60	235.86	+ 1.60	3.27
High Dist #	148.80	158.00	+ 1.29	4.81
International	359.00	381.40	+ 1.60	0.13
Inv Cap Inc	88.31	94.27	+ 0.61	2.82
Latin American	23.47	24.94	- 0.34	..
Pacific	72.91	77.47	- 0.29	
Preference Share	20.86	22.19	+ 0.10	7.44
Tokyo	201.90	214.50	+ 1.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	210.40	223.60	+ 1.00	1.23
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ecop Trust	194.16	207.24	- 3.52	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.20	198.10	..	1.05
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	76.10	80.11	- 0.51	1.67
Ethical Tst	40.90	43.05	+ 0.02	1.42
Far Eastern	277.73	292.35	+ 0.61	2.15
High Income	124.85	131.42	+ 0.78	5.06
Intl Growth	110.34	116.15†	+ 0.15	1.39
North American	108.81	114.54	+ 0.41	1.34
Pelican	111.36	117.22	+ 0.60	3.46
Smaller Cos	62.03	65.29	+ 0.02	3.19
Special Sits	81.61	85.99	+ 0.23	2.95
Tst of Inv Tsts	169.24	178.15†	+ 0.86	1.80
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	187.81	195.64	+ 0.15	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	328.64	342.33	+ 0.27	1.50
Recovery	47.04	49.0	- 0.06	1.45
Recovery Acc	47.54	49.52	- 0.06	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	108.49	115.32	+ 0.09	6.03
Capital Growth	75.78	81.27	+ 0.43	
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.31	44.96	+ 0.27	0.66
High Income #	39.85	42.71	+ 0.07	10.77
Warrant	47.39	51.51†	+ 0.12	.
Zero Preference	36.72	38.97	+ 0.01	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.89	78.60	+0.610	2.96
Family Income Tst	42.47	42.41	+0.230	8.88
Family Trust	79.96	85.06	+0.180	1.59
United Charities	247.80	263.50	+1.000	4.22
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.59	26.68†	+ 0.05	7.58
Intl Bond	28.57	29.85	+ 0.12	5.14
Income Funds				
High Income	22.66	24.06†	+ 0.10	5.23
Income Plus	103.40	110.00†	+ 0.50	4.20
Amer Eq Inc	46.04	48.73	- 0.02	1.95
European Income	40.23	42.78†	+ 0.28	1.84
Far East Inc	61.16	65.03	+ 0.27	2.39
Global Convertible	21.61	23.06†	+ 0.06	3.60
UK Dis Grth	23.08	24.55†	+ 0.11	1.94
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	55.03	58.77	- 0.24	..
American	237.90	252.10	+ 0.80	.
Amer Spec Sits	114.70	122.40	+ 0.70	...
Japan Smaller Cos	34.95	37.20†	+ 0.20	
European	160.80	171.00	+ 0.60	
European Opps	59.84	63.63	+ 0.38	
Global Pty	23.21	24.79	+ 0.10	0.91
UK Growth	85.85	91.29	+ 0.46	..
Growth & Inc	135.10	143.70	+ 1.40	2.27
Intl PEP	35.19	37.42	+ 0.18	
Japan Spec Sits	84.78	90.23	+ 0.07	
Japan	178.70	188.20	+ 1.40	.
Managed Intl	261.30	278.30†	+ 1.50	...
MoneyBuilder	50.08	53.25	+ 0.25	...
Recovery	45.27	48.14†	+ 0.13	...
South E Asia	143.00	152.60	+ 0.80	.
Special Sits	479.00	509.40	+ 2.70	..
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.62	108.62	+ 0.01	5.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	126.80	129.70†	.	1.99
Inc Ptflo #	81.22	82.81†	+ 0.32	3.45
Cap Ptflo	134.50	136.80	+ 0.50	1.31
General Opps	114.60	116.80	.	3.59
Growth Inc	29.14	29.78	+ 0.24	1.81
Private Portfolio	377.00	385.50†	...	1.36
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.90	114.00	+ 0.60	0.37
Emrg Asian	155.50	166.30	- 0.40	.
High Income	20.84	22.10†	+ 0.09	10.18
Oseas Income	86.63	92.83	+ 0.08	3.38
UK Growth	102.40	109.70	+ 0.80	1.95
UK Income	102.10	109.00	+ 0.60	3.87
US Smaller Cos	298.10	318.70	+ 0.30	0.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.80	48.16	+ 0.29	3.38
-do- Inv Tst Inc	69.68	73.27†	+ 0.24	3.78
Intl Growth	83.44	88.71	+ 0.03	.
Investment Trust	83.39	87.69†	+ 0.33	..
UK Smaller Cos	77.40	81.39	+ 0.33	1.01
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.50	59.35†	+ 0.16	..
(Accum Units)	55.50	59.35†	+ 0.16	...
Amer Smlr Cos	473.10	506.20	+ 0.89	.
(Accum Units)	483.30	516.90	+ 0.80	...
Capital Tst	281.80	299.70†	+ 0.49	1.61
(Accum Units)	405.30	431.00†	+ 0.70	1.61
Contl Smlr Cos	58.05	62.02	+ 0.07	0.50
(Accum Units)	61.05	65.22	+ 0.08	0.50
Convertible	118.90	126.50	+ 0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	240.30	255.60	+ 0.70	5.87
Emerging Markets	60.63	64.77	- 0.66	..
(Accum Units)	60.68	64.82	- 0.67	...
European	113.80	120.70		0.14
(Accum Units)	119.20	126.50	+ 0.10	0.14
Extra Income	314.00	333.90	+ 2.00	4.82
(Accum Units)	471.50	501.40	+ 2.90	4.82
Financial	116.80	125.70	+ 0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	123.00	132.40	.	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.88	63.80	+ 0.28	8.37
(Accum Units)	86.41	89.11	+ 0.38	8.37
Health Fund Inc	134.00	143.10	+ 0.50	
(Accum Units)	134.00	143.10	+ 0.50	.
Income & Growth	182.50	194.10	+ 2.00	3.32
(Accum Units)	275.70	293.30	+ 4.20	3.32
Intl Growth	341.70	365.70	+ 1.50	..
(Accum Units)	379.50	406.40	+ 1.60	
Japan & Gen	157.30	168.20†	+ 1.20	..
(Accum Units)	158.80	169.80†	+ 1.10	...
Monthly Inc	151.80	161.40†	+ 0.10	4.15
Managed Port Inc	98.42	103.60	+ 0.40	1.48
(Accum Units)	104.37	109.82	+ 0.30	1.48
Quarterly Income	50.16	53.35†	+ 0.29	4.75
(Accum Units)	53.84	57.26†	+ 0.29	4.75
Recovery	318.40	340.40	- 0.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	374.60	400.70	- 0.60	0.13
UK Growth	51.97	55.54	+ 0.45	2.79
(Accum Units)	53.75	57.45	+ 0.47	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	109.10	116.60	- 0.90	0.0
FP Asian Growth	235.90	252.80	- 0.19	0.0
FP Equity Dist	368.50	389.69	+ 3.30	2.82
-do- Accum	774.00	823.30	+ 7.00	2.82
FP Euro Gth Dist	140.60	149.70†	+ 0.60	0.66
-do- Accum	146.60	156.19†	+ 0.70	0.66
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.80	135.00†	+ 0.40	7.43
-do- Accum	237.30	250.70†	+ 0.70	7.43
FP Intl Bond	55.52	58.72	+ 0.10	6.58
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.59	93.18	+ 0.31	0.77
-do- Accum	91.71	97.58	+ 0.33	0.77
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.10	195.00	- 0.10	1.12
-do- Accum	202.90	214.90	- 0.10	1.12
FP Pac Basin Dist	286.80	307.20	+ 0.10	0.27
-do- Accum	294.60	313.40	+ 0.10	0.27
FP Income	51.70	56.14	+ 0.35	5.28
(Accum Units)	167.30	178.40	+ 1.10	5.28
FP Jap Smllr Cos	305.10	325.40	+ 2.70	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.25	72.83†	+ 0.28	6.09
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.15	85.49	+ 0.67	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.82	37.44	+ 0.27	2.04
FP UK Growth	163.50	174.40	+ 1.30	2.92
(Accum Units)	316.50	337.60	+ 2.50	2.92
Stewardship Dist	312.50	332.40	+ 1.80	2.13
-do- Accum	382.10	406.40	+ 2.10	2.13
Stwdshp Inc Dist	66.57	70.81†	+ 0.16	3.89
-do- Accum	86.35	91.86†	+ 0.22	3.89
N Am Stshp Dist	94.10	102.10	- 0.40	0.78
-do- Accum	100.10	106.40	- 0.40	0.78
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	102.60	109.10	+ 0.40	1.03
Open Cap Gth Acc	103.10	109.69	+ 0.20	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.17	105.50†	+ 0.30	2.45
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.70	108.10	+ 0.40	2.45
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.20	107.60†	+ 0.40	3.09
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.60	110.20	+ 0.40	3.09
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.04	47.91	- 0.08	1.15
Australian	294.20	315.60	- 0.70	0.0
European	196.10	208.60	+ 1.00	0.74
(Accum Units)	212.10	225.60	+ 1.10	0.74
Gold	43.46	46.48	- 0.91	0.0
Intnl	30.38	32.42†	+ 0.15	0.96
(Accum Units)	44.05	47.01	+ 0.21	0.96
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	227.10	240.30	+ 2.70	2.57
Cash	49.54	50.28†	+ 0.01	5.29
Growth Portfolio	72.77	77.14	+ 0.42	1.86
Income Portfolio	60.62	64.11†	+ 0.28	4.81
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	168.90	180.60	+ 0.70	1.58
Dividend	83.86	89.50	+ 0.79	4.26
Int Gth & Inc	212.00	226.70	+ 2.80	3.10
UK & Gen	41.64	44.53†	+ 0.48	2.50
Fund of Funds	59.38	63.51†	+ 0.15	.
G7 UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	179.50	192.00	+ 1.30	..
European	523.40	559.80†	+ 3.20	0.36
Far East & Gen	228.40	244.30	- 0.70	..
Germany	113.70	120.40	+ 0.50	..
Income Inc	143.20	153.20†	+ 0.80	4.78
(Accum Units)	154.68	165.40	+ 0.80	4.78
International	294.00	314.50†	+ 1.80	.
Intl Income	78.97	83.12	+ 0.03	4.08
Japan & General	360.30	389.50	- 1.80	.
Korean Securities	64.24	68.71	- 0.79	.
Scttr Cos Dv Inc	41.04	43.90	+ 0.16	5.47
UK Capital Inc	154.00	164.70†	+ 0.80	1.15
UK Capital Acc	269.20	288.00	+ 1.50	1.15
UK Spec Sits	74.89	80.10	- 0.26	0.77
US & General	136.60	144.20	+ 0.40	..
Wwide Spec Sits	133.39	142.60	+ 0.80	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.22	48.32†	+ 0.17	2.59
Cash Trust	137.02	137.02†	+ 0.02	4.97
Practical Inv Inc #	108.55	116.10†	+ 0.46	3.54
(Accum Units) #	248.15	265.40†	+ 1.05	3.54
UK Index	141.62	143.05†	+ 1.08	3.45
UK Smaller Cos	114.62	122.59	+ 0.24	1.11
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.02	25.69	+ 0.03	9.34
High Income	31.31	33.49†	+ 0.16	5.32
UK Equity Income	128.73	135.54†	+ 0.72	3.56
Global Bond	28.08	29.10†	+ 0.08	5.40
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	41.42	44.30	- 0.46	..
Global Inc & Gth	124.87	132.93	+ 0.25	2.50
Gold & Intl Res	98.72	105.58	- 0.36	
Global Utilities	119.51	128.21	+ 0.08	1.30
Overseas Funds				
American	140.23	149.64	+ 0.54	1.24
European	96.94	102.90†	+ 0.69	1.30
Euro Sel Opps	140.19	149.16†	+ 0.88	.
Amer Emerging	96.01	102.68	- 0.08	...
Hong Kong	128.78	137.91†	+ 0.64	1.75
Japan	218.27	233.00	+ 1.70	.
Pacific Growth	200.18	214.10	- 0.35	1.49
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.56	203.56	+ 0.99	2.20
Long Term Bal	223.53	223.53	+ 1.14	3.36
Med Term Bal	192.23	192.23	+ 0.75	3.80
UK Equity	233.09	233.09	+ 1.39	2.82
UK Emerging Cos	131.23	131.23	+ 0.43	2.39
American	231.88	231.88†	+ 1.56	1.61
Japan	107.45	107.45†	+ 0.35	..
European	251.82	251.82†	+ 1.85	1.26
Index Linked Gilt	166.74	166.74	+ 0.14	2.99
Fixed Interest	155.56	155.56	+ 0.80	8.78
Amer Emerging	249.54	249.54†	- 0.12	0.19
Pacific	216.98	216.98	+ 0.05	0.95
Emerging Mkts	108.90	108.90†	- 1.19	0.87
Index Strat Japan	142.09	142.09	+ 1.22	0.32
-do- Pacific Rim	171.01	171.01	- 0.05	1.35
-do- Cont Europe	143.38	143.38	- 1.72	1.92
Index Strat USA	133.52	133.52	+ 0.27	2.32
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	95.99	102.12	+ 0.49	...
Med Term Bal	91.39	97.22	+ 0.37	.
Long Term Bal	100.48	106.90	+ 0.55	...
UK Equity	107.79	114.68	+ 0.68	.
UK Emerging Cos	61.52	65.45	+ 0.22	.
American	107.52	114.38	+ 0.77	..
Japan	51.60	54.89	+ 0.18	.
European	104.92	111.62	+ 0.73	..
Fixed Interest	78.69	83.72	+ 0.35	..
Index Linked Gilt	74.04	78.77	+ 0.06	
Deposit	80.55	85.69	+ 0.02	
Brokers Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	108.70	115.60	.	..
Berkeley Income #	106.40	113.20	+ 0.49	3.98
BWH Intl	128.83	135.81†	+ 0.16	0.63
Brdlf Gth Port Inc	58.21	61.44†	+ 0.24	0.69
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.28	57.29	+ 0.22	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.18	52.96	- 0.08	0.10
Shaw Utilities	51.95	54.83	+ 0.09	3.16
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	579.85	553.03	.	1.86
(Accum Units)	578.18	615.89	.	1.86
European Inc	137.82	148.62	+ 2.85	1.11
Amalgam Inc	135.32	143.07		
N America Inc	319.19	339.56	..	..
Far East Inc	309.52	329.28	.	.
(Accum Units)	320.58	341.04	..	.
UK Divid Inc	165.98	176.57		1.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	83.89	88.51	+ 0.60	4.93
UK Small Cos	45.03	48.16	- 0.06	1.82
British Growth	53.12	56.12	+ 0.41	2.61
American Gwth	168.24	179.04	- 0.29	
Japan Gwth	67.07	71.73	+ 0.54	..
Greater China	174.91	187.07	- 1.25	...
Pacific Strategy	146.76	156.96	- 1.59	.
European Gwth	83.53	89.21	+ 0.42	0.29
Intl Growth	140.08	149.82	- 0.54	..
US Index (£)	13.59	14.32	- 0.03	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ixd	70.63	74.81	+ 0.59	2.48
Monthly Income	36.00	38.34†	.	8.60
MS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0933				
Grd UK Index (£)	10.33	10.91	+ 0.21	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	81.74	86.96†	..	1.78
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 8686				
Cash	138.40	138.40		4.77
European	466.70	498.60	+ 2.60	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	124.00	131.60†	+ 0.50	5.71
Growth Equity	313.60	335.00	+ 3.40	2.04
Income Trust	124.20	132.60	+ 1.00	3.11
International	170.90	182.50†	+ 0.50	0.17
Japan Trust	119.40	127.50	+ 0.80	..
Nth American	257.90	275.50	- 0.80	0.20
Pacific	508.90	543.60	- 1.30	0.02
Guardhill	471.80	504.00†	+ 4.30	1.99
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	56.02	58.65	+ 0.01	7.40
Global High Inc	95.39	99.00	+ 0.41	6.90
Prem Fixed Int	101.27	105.12	+ 0.26	7.98
Eqty & Bond Inc	99.00	105.26	+ 0.75	5.39
European Growth	97.32	103.48	+ 0.57	
Intl PEP Trust	57.43	61.06	+ 0.46	
High Income	115.12	122.40†	- 0.45	4.24
-do- Accum	158.36	168.37	- 0.63	4.24
Recovery	342.30	364.00	+ 1.20	1.95
(Accum Units)	392.90	417.70	+ 1.30	1.95
St Vinc High Inc	114.06	115.77†	+ 0.87	7.54
UK Emerg Cos	230.30	244.90	+ 0.40	2.07
UK Smllr Cos	325.90	331.60	+ 0.60	2.69
Glob Priv Tst	87.29	92.81	+ 0.52	1.02
(Accum Units)	88.12	93.69	+ 0.53	1.02
Inc Share Tst	81.71	86.88†	- 1.96	8.82
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.73	26.22	+ 0.07	1.79
Growth Acc	24.73	26.22	+ 0.70	1.79
Income	24.84	26.34	+ 0.10	4.28
Income Acc	24.84	26.34	+ 0.10	4.28
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Model Ptflo	192.40	204.10†	+ 1.70	2.53
Smaller Cos	29.65	31.54†	- 0.02	0.92
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	283.77	301.49†	+ 1.99	1.50
Best of British	62.10	66.01	+ 0.45	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	114.88	123.49†	+ 0.17	1.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	264.64	282.04	+ 2.14	3.85
(Accum Units)	711.92	758.16	+ 5.74	3.85

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	297.34	317.85	+ 0.97	4.52
Extra Income #	262.91	279.59†	+ 1.20	6.14
Pref & Gilt	45.89	49.33	+ 0.08	8.98
International				
International	245.84	261.80	+ 0.16	0.80
Global Bond	51.77	54.94†	+ 0.10	6.19
Intl Port Tst	76.49	81.80	+ 0.16	0.16
Global Tech	154.43	165.22	+ 0.47	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.32	174.65	- 0.52	0.44
European	454.43	481.36	+ 2.41	0.76
European Income	78.46	82.99†	+ 0.45	2.97
Euro Smlr Cos	147.06	157.79	+ 0.86	0.02
Eur Sp Sits	66.68	70.93	+ 0.32	0.52
(Accum Units)	71.43	75.98	+ 0.34	0.52
Japan Trust	187.30	199.42	+ 0.25	...
Japan Special Sits	202.81	216.11†	+ 0.34	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	222.42	237.98†	- 0.35	.
North American	232.98	247.61	- 1.82	0.26
American Smaller	104.29	111.48	- 0.35	.
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	...	...	...	...
Eur Sp Sits	57.48	60.92	+ 0.27	.
General Growth	42.30	44.83	+ 0.29	.
Income Growth	40.78	43.22	+ 0.31	
Japan Growth	.	.	..	.
Smaller Cos	.	.	.	.
Special Opps	27.49	29.13	+ 0.04	.
Wwide Sp Sits	44.83	47.51	..	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	94.57	99.02	+ 0.72	2.17
Capital	164.60	172.39†	+ 0.98	1.65
Dollar	346.80	363.10	+ 0.20	0.15
Enterprise Gth	305.70	320.10†	+ 2.20	1.94
European	214.90	225.00	+ 0.90	0.70
Far East	288.90	303.50	- 0.70	0.48
Financial	767.40	803.50	+ 4.90	1.62
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.10	26.10	+ 0.04	7.55
High Yield	98.97	103.50	+ 0.30	4.21
Income & Growth	137.80	144.20	+ 0.70	3.51
International	241.40	252.70	+ 0.60	0.05
Japanese General	190.70	199.80	+ 1.50	.
Japan Tech	76.34	79.93	+ 0.58	
Nat Resources	65.54	68.62	- 0.05	..
Portfolio	69.21	72.47	+ 0.37	7.43
Smaller Cos	118.50	124.00	+ 0.50	1.59
Special Sits	143.30	150.00†	+ 0.50	1.58
UK Emerging Cos	87.18	91.28	+ 0.07	0.95
US Smaller Cos	86.78	90.85	+ 1.56	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.04	102.50†	- 0.20	6.23
Capital	568.50	608.70	+ 6.50	2.49
Income #	533.20	569.10	+ 3.30	5.30
Footsie Fund	52.51	52.77	+ 0.36	2.87
Trade Index	101.90	108.80†	+ 2.10	2.16
UK Index	133.00	141.90	+ 1.0	3.16
International Funds				
American Growth	473.20	505.00	- 1.0	0.60
American Index	200.90	214.10†	+ 0.50	1.19
European Growth	106.30	113.10	.	0.34
Eurotrack 100	152.40	162.10†	+ 0.80	0.86
Global Bond	20.42	21.55	+ 0.03	6.23
Japan Growth	259.70	278.70	+ 2.40	.
Japan Index	75.76	80.85†	+ 0.71	0.04
Japan Smllr Cos	30.98	33.06†	+ 0.25	.
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	51.61	55.08	- 0.40	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	92.02	98.21†	+ 0.26	1.44
Spore & Mlysa Gth	68.97	73.61	- 0.07	..
Tiger Index	184.00	196.40	- 3.40	1.48
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.41	29.48†	+ 0.07	1.11
General Funds				
Managed	69.01	71.63	+ 0.78	1.97
Rupert Child Fnd	82.63	86.76	+ 0.56	2.52
UK Growth	57.79	59.98	+ 0.40	2.48
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	79.78	82.79	+ 0.43	6.92
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.57	26.38†	+ 0.07	8.55
UK Inc & Gwth	39.12	40.60	+ 0.27	4.32
UK Income	327.50	339.90	+ 2.80	3.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	48.31	50.03†	+ 0.09	0.45
Amer Smllr Cos	114.40	118.70	- 0.30	.
(Accum Units)	115.60	119.90	- 0.40	
Europe Gth	145.70	150.90	+ 0.70	..
(Accum Units)	150.60	156.00	+ 0.80	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.35	28.38	+ 0.08	.
French Growth	74.56	77.39†	+ 0.50	0.27
Accum Units	79.99	83.02†	+ 0.54	0.27
H Kong & China	72.55	75.38	- 0.80	1.87
Intl Growth	54.57	56.64	+ 0.21	0.67
(Accum Units)	55.03	57.12	+ 0.21	0.67
Japan Gth	30.21	31.35	+ 0.31	.
Accum Units	30.21	31.35	+ 0.31	.
Japan Smaller Cos	36.59	37.98	+ 0.39	.
Glob Emg Mkts	83.29	86.45	- 0.45	..
Accum Units	83.88	87.06	- 0.46	
SE Asia	299.80	310.30†	- 0.60	0.35
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	53.92	55.55†	+ 0.27	6.80

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	128.80	136.90	- 0.30	..
Income	143.22	152.38	+ 0.85	4.09
UK Growth	52.86	56.25	+ 0.47	0.62
International	70.29	74.76	- 0.17	0.08
Ecology	77.80	81.91	+ 0.19	1.31
European	120.94	128.11	+ 0.33	.
Far Eastern	272.70	290.00	- 0.80	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.60	50.64†	+ 0.16	7.60
Gilt Yield	112.80	118.80†	+ 0.30	6.74
Global Income	200.30	213.10†	+ 0.70	4.24
High Yield	132.10	140.50	- 0.57	6.29
(Accum Units)	399.50	425.00	- 2.00	6.29
Smllr Cos Div	47.95	51.01†	+ 0.02	3.28
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.02	93.64	+ 0.46	.
North American	75.48	80.30	+ 0.20	0.16
European Special	103.70	110.30	+ 0.30	0.14
European	147.60	157.00	+ 0.50	0.38
(Accum Units)	193.80	206.20	+ 0.70	0.38
General	263.60	280.40	+ 0.60	3.23
Global Eqty Inc	97.38	103.60	+ 0.60	1.16
Japan	378.40	402.60	+ 3.10	.
Japanese Special	212.10	225.60†	+ 1.80	..
Master Accum	224.90	239.30	+ 1.10	0.58
Pacific	305.30	324.80	+ 2.10	
(Accum Units)	358.10	381.00	+ 2.60	..
Smaller Cos	101.20	107.70	+ 0.10	0.64
UK Equity Growth	36.93	39.29†	+ 0.15	1.65
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.30	63.08	+ 0.21	.
Inv Trust	61.64	65.57	+ 0.27	.
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.45	60.05	+ 0.16	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.81	57.24	+ 0.33	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	547.10	558.30	+ 8.50	6.26
Intl & General	391.60	399.60	+ 8.80	0.81
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 497 5866				
Bridge Income	251.53	267.59	+ 1.24	5.61
Inc & Growth Inc	52.44	55.79	+ 0.15	4.86
Smaller Cos	53.21	56.61	+ 0.09	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 823				
Growth Trust	234.80	249.70	+ 0.80	1.98
High Income	102.50	109.00	+ 0.60	4.59
International	91.89	97.75	+ 0.64	0.63
Recovery Trust	60.16	64.00	+ 0.06	1.55
European Trust	77.24	82.17†	+ 0.50	0.68
Japanese Trust	40.42	42.99†	+ 0.32	...
American Trust	83.99	89.35	+ 0.07	0.48
Managed	63.59	67.64†	+0.201	0.86
Cash	50.00	50.00	- 1.52	4.32
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	353.00	359.40†	+ 7.80	2.74
UK Inc/Gth	378.40	383.90†	+ 8.10	3.48
UK Income	263.30	267.60†	+ 4.80	4.32
UK Sm Cos	228.30	229.00†	+ 0.10	2.13
Euro Gwth	122.50	123.30	+ 1.40	.
N Amer Gwth	83.03	83.96	+ 2.11	0.24
Japan Growth	61.06	61.71	+ 0.12	.
Money Mkt	123.07	123.07	.	1.500
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 385				
Equity Dist	454.50	483.50†	+ 3.50	2.84
(Accum Units)	903.30	961.00†	+ 6.90	2.84
Equity Income	93.52	99.49	+ 0.66	4.32
UK Tactical Allocn	54.72	58.11†	+ 0.30	3.77
European	112.40	119.80†	+ 0.70	1.04
Far Eastern	200.80	213.40		.
Fixed Interest	50.03	53.22†	+ 0.17	6.33
Gilt	88.03	93.35	+ 0.39	6.63
Global Growth	68.86	73.26	+ 0.35	0.40
Intl Bond	51.41	54.61†	+ 0.20	5.44
Japanese	67.27	71.56	+ 0.55	...
North American	143.20	152.30	..	1.07
Pacific Growth	101.30	107.80†	- 0.30	0.38
UK Index	60.77	64.14	+ 0.47	3.23
UK Recovery	87.11	92.67	+ 0.47	2.05
UK Smaller Cos	113.60	120.90	+ 0.30	1.71
US Index	60.27	63.54	+ 0.07	1.79
European Index	72.18	76.18†	+ 0.38	1.72
Japan Index	39.39	41.48	+ 0.33	...
Worldwide	79.15	84.20	+ 0.33	1.82
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	48.40	51.77	.	2.19
Income	56.30	60.21	.	3.07
Far East	48.95	52.35	..	0.04
North American	92.84	99.32		
Global	86.35	92.35†	..	0.34
European	81.45	87.11		0.50
Japan	100.80	107.80	..	
Intl Currency Bd	58.69	62.68	...	3.86
SE Asia	95.46	102.19	..	
UK Cap Growth	88.55	94.71	..	1.56
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	329.40	350.50	+ 0.40	2.96
-do- Acc	749.10	797.00	+ 0.90	2.96

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Contl Euro Gth	62.91	66.23	+ 0.13	1.33
-do- Acc	67.23	70.77	+ 0.13	1.33
Extra Inc	247.30	263.10	+ 6.20	4.39
-do- Acc	642.10	683.10	-18.50	4.39
FTSE 100 Inc	97.00	103.20	+ 1.40	2.72
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German Gth	127.60	134.40	+ 0.60	0.20
-do- Acc	133.80	140.90	+ 0.70	0.20
Growth Port	518.60	551.80†	+ 4.10	0.29
-do- Acc	527.30	561.00	+ 4.10	0.28
Hi Reserve Inc #	98.32	104.60	+ 1.00	6.21
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Income	466.30	496.10	- 1.30	3.92
-do- Acc	£12.52	£13.32	- 3.00	3.92
Income Port	498.70	530.60	+ 3.70	4.02
-do- Acc	529.00	562.80	+ 3.90	4.02
Japan Growth	96.39	102.60	+ 0.50	.
-do- Acc	96.72	102.90	+ 0.40	
Master Trust	56.02	59.60	+ 1.02	1.47
-do- Acc	62.53	66.53	+ 1.14	1.47
N American Gen	176.20	187.50	- 0.60	0.86
-do- Acc	203.50	216.50	- 0.80	0.85
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.80	146.60	+ 0.70	
-do- Acc	140.60	149.60	+ 0.70	...
Pacific Basin	227.60	242.20	- 6.20	0.81
-do- Acc	241.80	257.30	- 6.70	0.81
Small Cos Rec	339.10	357.00	+ 1.00	2.14
-do- Acc	453.50	477.40	+ 1.40	2.14
UK Growth	81.58	86.79	- 0.03	2.66
-do- Acc	99.18	105.60	+ 0.10	2.66
Worldwide Gth	294.00	312.80	+ 0.10	0.67
-do- Acc	433.60	461.30	+ 0.10	0.67
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 573				
American	64.75	69.48	- 0.13	0.10
General	82.86	88.98	+ 0.89	2.60
Income	60.89	65.33†	+ 0.37	5.70
International	60.25	64.64	+ 0.04	0.50
Japan	53.72	57.63	+ 0.30	
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.86	67.44	+ 0.37	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	383.40	405.40	+ 1.70	0.64
(Accum Units)	477.70	505.10	+ 2.10	0.64
Amer Recovery	438.30	463.50	- 0.30	0.53
(Accum Units)	502.90	531.80	- 0.40	0.53
Amer Smllr Cos	130.60	138.10	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	133.50	141.10	+ 0.20	
Australasian	142.30	150.50†	- 0.20	2.28
(Accum Units)	174.80	184.20	- 0.10	2.28
Capital	792.00	837.50†	+ 6.40	2.80
(Accum Units)	908.70	960.90	+ 7.20	2.80
Charifund	659.00	665.80	+ 6.30	5.92
(Accum Units)	£30.75	£31.06	+29.40	5.92
Commodity	381.20	382.00†	+ 1.90	0.49
(Accum Units)	530.30	560.90	+ 2.90	0.49
Compound Gth	905.50	957.60	+10.10	3.27
(Accum Units)	949.10	£10.03	+10.50	3.27
Dividend	38.70	40.98	+ 0.50	4.51
(Accum Units)	162.30	171.60	+ 1.90	4.51
Equity Income	321.50	348.00†	+ 2.10	5.15
(Accum Units)	417.60	441.60	+ 2.60	5.15
Euro & General	480.90	508.60	- 0.90	1.26
(Accum Units)	608.30	643.30	- 1.20	1.26
Euro Dividend	67.80	71.70	- 0.30	3.70
(Accum Units)	81.60	86.30	+ 0.10	3.70
Extra Yield	394	417.20†	+ 4.50	5.08
(Accum Units)	£12.46	£13.18	+14.40	5.08
Far Eastern	327.50	346.30†	+ 0.50	0.91
(Accum Units)	434.70	459.70	+ 0.70	0.91
Fund of Inv Tsts	586.00	613.70	+ 4.10	2.27
(Accum Units)	£10.94	£11.57	+ 7.70	2.27
General	58.40	61.80	+ 0.70	3.84
(Accum Units)	164.20	173.70	+ 1.90	3.84
Gilt Income	58.83	58.74†	+ 0.15	8.03
(Accum Units)	163.27	163.57	+ 0.43	8.03
Gold	60.10	63.60	- 0.10	1.12
(Accum Units)	71.00	75.10	- 0.10	1.12
High Income	27.20	28.80	+ 0.30	4.85
(Accum Units)	109.20	115.80	+ 1.20	4.85
Intl Growth	71.80	75.90	+ 0.20	1.17
(Accum Units)	125.30	132.50	+ 0.40	1.17
International Inc	94.80	100.20	+ 0.40	4.91
(Accum Units)	140.70	148.70	+ 0.60	4.91
Japan & Gen	41.60	44.00	+ 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	44.60	47.20	+ 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	145.70	154.10	+ 0.40	
(Accum Units)	146.70	155.10	+ 0.30	.
Managed Income	26.30	27.60	+ 0.20	4.09
Midland	58.10	61.40	+ 0.20	3.36
(Accum Units)	194.00	205.20	+ 0.70	3.36
Pension Ex	898.10	920.60	+ 9.30	4.53
Recovery	39.50	41.80	- 0.30	2.78
(Accum Units)	64.90	68.70	- 0.60	2.78
Second General	65.10	68.80	- 0.20	3.88
(Accum Units)	169.00	178.70	- 0.50	3.88
Smaller Cos	64.40	68.10†		3.36
(Accum Units)	128.40	135.90	+ 0.10	3.36
Sterling Hi Int	23.80	23.90†	+ 0.06	8.70
Treasury	25.08	25.12†		6.21
Trustee	39.40	41.70	+ 0.40	4.63
(Accum Units)	158.70	168.10	+ 1.40	4.63
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	78.20	83.19	- 0.51	1.54
Intl Bond	63.44	66.71	+ 0.01	5.83
Intl Equity Growth	68.09	72.42	- 0.22	0.84
N Amer Growth	94.79	100.83†	- 0.24	1.05
Special Sits Growth	20.28	21.57†	+ 0.11	2.11

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	358.40	381.20	+ 3.60	3.02
(Accum Units)	467.40	497.20	+ 5.00	3.02
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.62	£12.88		3.40
Income #	947.20	982.80	.	4.69
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	138.80	..	4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	197.40	204.70	+ 2.20	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.40	174.20	+ 0.50	6.77
Intl Growth	199.90	212.80	+ 0.30	0.36
North American	180.20	192.20	- 0.20	0.64
Far East	252.40	269.90	- 1.40	1.45
UK Smaller Cos	162.30	173.60	+ 0.40	1.91
European	78.34	83.43	+ 0.45	0.22
Japanese Growth	45.56	48.51	+ 0.36	
High Income	179.80	192.30	+ 1.50	4.46
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	146.30	154.00	+ 0.46	2.37
-do- Accum	168.40	177.30	+ 0.46	2.37
UK Sel Ptflo	125.30	131.90	+ 0.46	2.59
-do- Accum	145.60	153.30	+ 0.46	2.59
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.44	68.55	..	4.04
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	68.30	72.51†	+ 0.57	4.58
European	78.61	83.45†	+ 0.17	0.49
Income #	70.90	75.27†	+ 0.20	5.10
Nth American	62.40	66.24	+ 0.40	0.56
Far East	155.80	165.40	- 0.10	..
Japan	50.73	53.85†	+ 0.21	.
Emgng Mkts	81.67	87.35†	- 0.77	
Intl Growth	102.80	109.10	+ 0.50	0.83
UK Growth	85.48	90.74	- 0.56	1.17
UK Smlr Co	43.42	46.09	+ 0.08	1.18
Asian Opps Fd	34.83	37.25	- 0.08	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	398.60	424.34†	+ 2.34	4.20
Global Inc	65.93	70.14†	+ 0.17	2.95
Brit Leaders	339.55	361.22†	+ 1.37	2.48
Intl Leaders	197.82	210.45†	+ 1.38	0.78
PAM Mip Bal Gth	58.22	61.53†	+ 0.04	0.89
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	199.50	211.50	- 0.40	
(Accum Units)	213.30	226.00	- 0.40	
American Opps	88.55	94.45	+0.120	..
(Accum Units)	89.66	95.64	+0.130	
British Blue Chip	76.36	81.15	+0.980	2.96
(Accum Units)	94.15	100.00	+1.150	2.96
Cash	100.80	100.80	.	5.82
(Accum Units)*	138.50	138.50	+0.100	5.82
Emerging Mkts	88.90	95.50	- 1.23	0.15
(Accum Units)	88.98	95.68	- 1.22	0.15
European Growth	240.50	254.70	+1.400	0.18
(Accum Units)	259.30	274.50	+1.300	0.18
European Income	81.59	86.23	+0.110	3.33
(Accum Units)	109.90	116.10	+0.100	3.33
General	474.10	504.90†	+4.500	2.45
(Accum Units)	940.30	1001?	+8.800	2.45
Global Bond	124.40	130.70†	+0.100	5.29
(Accum Units)	153.30	161.00†	+0.100	5.29
Gold & General	189.40	203.70	- 0.90	0.44
(Accum Units)	194.50	209.10	- 0.80	0.44
Govt Securities	89.44	92.21	+0.220	5.95
(Accum Units)	174.10	179.50	+0.400	5.95
Income	144.10	153.10†	+1.300	4.63
(Accum Units)	227.30	241.60†	+2.100	4.63
Inc Portfolio #	92.19	97.78†	+0.820	5.37
(Accum Units) #	94.31	100.00†	+0.800	5.37
Intl Opps	435.10	463.10	+2.500	0.19
(Accum Units)	581.10	618.50	+3.400	0.19
Japan	157.10	168.50	+1.300	
(Accum Units)	161.30	170.90	+1.300	.
New Europe	167.60	178.80†	+1.300	1.12
(Accum Units)	173.00	184.50†	+1.200	1.12
Pacific	108.50	115.70	- 0.60	0.88
(Accum Units)	116.00	123.70	- 0.80	0.88
Recovery	275.40	293.80	+0.900	0.88
(Accum Units)	351.50	374.90	+1.000	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	51.24	54.65†	+0.110	0.94
(Accum Units)	58.00	61.87†	+0.130	0.94
Portfolio	75.92	80.61†	+0.580	2.86
(Accum Units)	90.55	96.15†	+0.670	2.86
Managed Gth	93.33	97.68	+0.630	1.85
Managed Inc	100.00	103.80	+0.800	4.34
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	112.02	119.17	+ 0.73	0.90
Portfolio	63.59	67.65	+ 0.51	0.57
UK Income Inc	71.88	76.47†	+ 0.74	4.50
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.73	61.50	+ 0.24	3.25
(Accum Units)	61.79	64.70	+ 0.25	3.25
British Tst	81.76	85.61†	+ 1.34	2.18
(Accum Units)	95.89	100.40†	+ 1.49	2.18
Extra High Inc	65.13	68.20	- 0.18	6.57
(Accum Units)	126.10	132.00	- 0.40	6.57

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT-SE 100 Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	595.90	627.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Money Market UT	49.44	49.44	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monthly Income	51.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.26	105.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	99.41	105.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed	54.67	65.85	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	81.48	86.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	43.69	51.61	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed	67.24	71.53	[illegible]	[illegible]
Money Market	87.17	92.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	35.40	90.55	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	90.15	95.05	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	93.50	99.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.77	85.72	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	80.04	85.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	48.60	51.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed	64.37	68.43	[illegible]	[illegible]
Money Market	60.60	65.43	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	77.86	82.83	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	90.10	95.85	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	91.29	96.77		
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.80	72.33	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	78.99	84.03	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	49.75	52.73	[illegible]	
Managed	67.09	71.37	[illegible]	[illegible]
Money Market	75.04	79.54	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	86.10	91.27	[illegible]	[illegible]
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.05	12.80		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0122				
American Gwth	336.00	357.30	[illegible]	
European Gth Inc	410.60	440.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	415.00	445.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Gwth	184.40	196.50	[illegible]	
UK Equity Inc	178.09	189.92	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Ind Trckr Inc	152.60	163.33†	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	181.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	199.90	213.03†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Tracker	71.51	76.15	[illegible]	
Asian Tracker	192.60	207.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Inc	149.30	156.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deposit Inc	99.38	99.33†		[illegible]
Europa	172.60	185.73†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesis	145.50	159.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	21.68	23.07†	[illegible]	[illegible]
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	91.61	95.59	[illegible]	[illegible]
Acumen Inc	85.71	88.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
Acumen Reserve	83.08	83.91	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Inc	71.34	72.05	[illegible]	[illegible]
Americas Growth	145.90	151.10†	[illegible]	
Cash Income	49.77	49.77†		[illegible]
Equity Income #	90.62	93.27†	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	70.45	72.55	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	72.97	76.33	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olympiad	60.87	62.35†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	43.57	44.05†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	89.68	92.07	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Growth	100.10	105.90	[illegible]	
Japan Growth	67.01	68.54	[illegible]	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	117.20	124.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	69.70	74.15	+ 3.18	2.26
UK Income	104.14	110.79	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Income	202.96	215.81	- 0.69	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	73.91	78.63†	[illegible]	2.32
International	92.40	98.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	97.84	104.64	- 0.57	0.62
European Dist	108.40	115.90	+ 0.20	
Far East Dist	168.70	180.42†	[illegible]	
Global Care Dist	65.16	69.69	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oseas Dist	966.20	£10.33†	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	£12.54	£13.41	- 2.90	[illegible]
UK Dist	321.80	354.90	[illegible]	2.68
(Accum Units)	650.70	695.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.27	78.36†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Dist	100.50	107.49	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Inc Dist	67.92	72.64	- 0.12	2.58
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 399				
Europe Inc	61.06	64.39†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fund of Funds Inc	55.65	58.73	[illegible]	[illegible]
North America Inc	46.85	51.56	[illegible]	0.50
UK Equity Gwth Inc	56.20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	58.32	61.56	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK General Inc	55.26	58.32	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	46.11	48.65	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income Inc	64.51	67.64†	[illegible]	4.34
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 66 66				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bridge Fund	53.25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distributor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foundation	57.42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global	305.12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest	109.62	114.19		[illegible]
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	35.36	37.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Income	50.74	50.74		[illegible]
European Gwth	38.84	41.38	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intnl Gwth	29.26	30.33	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Gwth	25.02	26.82	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Tst Inc	46.11	49.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Opps Inc	121.80	142.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Property Shares	32.27	34.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	22.49	23.41	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth Tst	24.89	26.62	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.93	73.77	- 1.38	[illegible]
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.61	69.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exempt (£)	29.94	30.79		[illegible]
German	49.56	52.17	[illegible]	
High Income	69.37	74.19†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		[illegible]
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		[illegible]
Monthly Income	73.67	78.79†	+ 0.30	4.49
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	91.05	96.61		2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.02	125.18†	- 0.52	2.08
UK Equity	132.99	139.99†	[illegible]	3.27
UK Equity Income	126.94	133.62	+ 1.19	3.51
UK Smaller Cos	108.43	115.19	- 0.47	1.64
UK Equity Growth	124.06	130.59†	+ 1.17	2.52
UK Index Trckg	134.38	141.45†	- 0.52	3.74
Intl Index Trckg	139.32	146.65†	- 0.51	1.22
International	224.91	236.75	- 0.83	0.48
European	191.46	201.54†	+ 1.20	0.54
Pan European	126.75	133.42	+ 0.89	1.44
Nth American	170.91	179.91	.	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	183.41	193.06	+ 0.24	..
Japanese	86.37	90.92	+ 0.51	
Pacific	214.51	225.80	+ 0.28	0.34
South East Asian	236.18	248.61	- 0.52	0.56
Intl Bond	133.27	140.28	+ 0.53	4.45
Gilt & Convertible	102.27	107.65	+ 0.30	6.35
Property	82.20	86.53	+ 0.23	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	242.70	260.90	- 0.30	0.09
(Accum Units)	256.60	275.90	- 0.50	0.09
Japan Inc	104.50	111.60	+ 1.10	..
Nth American Inc	103.40	111.00	- 0.10	0.47
Worldwide Inc	148.30	159.50	+ 0.50	0.94
Hong Kong Inc	131.00	140.70	+ 0.10	1.04
Swiss Equities Inc	68.28	73.17	+ 0.57	..
Wwide Bond Inc	58.73	62.18†	- 0.01	5.61
Emging Asia Inc	202.20	219.20	- 0.30	..
(Accum Units)	202.90	219.90	- 0.40	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.30	50.30†	..	6.14
Thailand Inc	149.50	160.80	- 0.20	1.01
Gold Trust Inc	67.96	73.60	- 0.49	0.79
New Zealand Inc	84.58	90.84	+ 0.29	1.56
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	59.38	63.80†	+ 0.13	1.21
Latin Am Cmp Inc	45.79	49.74	- 1.34	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	55.72	59.79†	+ 0.45	2.32
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.30	78.40	- 0.09	
Global Portfolio	65.29	69.83	- 0.05	.
Global Opps	62.86	67.25	- 0.07	.
Marsh Global Grth	59.75	63.38	+ 0.31	.
AAM Global Equity	52.05	55.17	+ 0.04	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	86.04	92.53	+ 0.55	
Temple Equity Inc	41.57	45.44	+ 0.36	2.79
Hartley Growth	69.06	73.20	+ 0.37	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	82.91	88.67	+ 0.37	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	74.99	79.86	- 1.74	.
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.42	49.32	+ 0.09	.
Premier Perfmn Inc	63.60	67.91	- 0.03	1.97
Roxburgh Strat Gth	67.82	72.54	- 0.04	0.35
Tech Analysis	94.98	100.60	+ 0.77	.
Rosebery Growth	44.40	48.47	- 0.36	0.36
International Strat	73.55	78.66	+ 0.41	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	50.90	55.06	- 0.15	..
Coverdale Topout	46.39	49.69	.	.
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	45.03	47.40	- 0.02	1.07
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	233.00	247.90	+ 2.60	2.75
(Accum Units)	491.90	523.30	+ 5.30	2.75
Growth	151.30	158.20	+ 1.40	2.62
Income	230.20	244.80	+ 1.90	3.91
Intl Equity	242.10	257.50	+ 1.00	1.22
(Accum Units)	267.60	284.60	+ 1.10	1.22
UK Income	63.36	67.40	+ 0.61	3.51
UK Intl 25	77.06	81.97	+ 0.83	2.42
New Europe	75.65	80.47	+ 0.29	0.74
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	559.13	598.01	+ 0.81	0.79
(Accum Units)	558.71	598.63	+ 0.81	0.79
Income	349.55	373.86	+ 1.70	3.52
Wwide Recovery	356.51	381.30	+ 1.10	0.68
Amer Growth Inc	217.58	232.71†	+ 0.47	0.01
(Accum Units)	217.58	232.71	+ 0.47	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	224.25	239.84	- 0.15	0.03
Far East Gth Inc	251.74	269.25	- 0.09	0.42
(Accum Units)	251.74	269.25	- 0.09	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	138.38	148.00	- 0.23	0.96
(Accum Units)	138.72	148.38	- 0.23	0.96
UK Growth Inc	86.75	92.79†	+ 0.47	2.95
(Accum Units)	91.23	97.58	+ 0.50	2.95
High Income	92.92	99.39	+ 0.33	4.28
Jap Gwth Inc	201.68	214.97†	+ 0.44	0.01
(Accum Units)	201.68	214.97	+ 0.44	0.01
PEP Growth	112.44	120.26	+ 0.16	1.10
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	115.90	123.98	+ 0.14	0.01
(Accum Units)	115.90	123.98	+ 0.14	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	125.68	134.37	+ 0.18	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.63	134.37	+ 0.18	0.01
Global Bond	53.73	56.60†	- 0.08	5.96
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.40	81.72	+ 0.16	1.63
(Accum Units)	79.37	84.89	+ 0.16	1.63
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	95.06	101.13	- 0.05	.
European	67.46	71.79†	- 0.22	.
Global	57.93	61.63	- 0.17	
Pacific	53.46	56.87	+ 0.18	.
UK Inc & Gth	61.22	65.13†	- 0.03	1.54
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 540				
BRI Director Dlgs	87.12	92.79	+ 0.17	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	151.35	159.32	+ 0.28	8.11
Emerg Mkts	41.00	43.16	- 1.74	.
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	58.04	61.52	+ 0.02	2.68
Growth Income	61.08	64.74	+ 0.38	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01782 740 700				
Principal Tst	127.57	135.72†	+ 0.73	1.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
[illegible] UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 636 3363				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 [illegible] Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Mkts	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.45	0.66
Premier Inc	41.97	43.94	- 1.14	4.75
Sml Cos	52.36	55.02	- 0.14	1.43
Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	125.21†	- 0.79	2.50
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	291.20	309.60	- 2.70	3.31
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA American Acc	506.46	541.26	- 2.14	0.66
FA American Dist	494.34	528.78	- 2.50	0.66
FA UK Equity Inc	163.54	182.72	- 1.16	3.77
FA Japan	[illegible]	155.75	- 1.31	
FA Major UK Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.17	5.56
FA Smlr UK Cos	274.20	293.99†	- 0.56	1.79
FA European	326.00	327.50	- 0.22	2.57
FA Amer Smlr Cos	44.03	47.20	- 0.33	0.19
FA Asia	45.67	47.30	- 0.16	0.18
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.14	45.75	- 0.24	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	54.70	59.58	- 1.37	
UK Smlr Cos	79.33	83.50	- 0.15	..
UK Income	93.17	98.07	- 0.93	
America	102.21	107.56	- 0.42	
Japanese	53.10	55.89	- 0.29	
European	98.93	104.19	- 0.08	
Gilt	86.32	91.48	+ 0.16	.
Deposit	83.89	88.30		
Managed	95.58	100.61	- 0.75	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	92.20	97.64	- 1.23	
UK Smaller Cos	77.47	81.54	+ 0.15	
UK Income	93.89	98.57	- 0.91	
America	99.46	104.69	- 0.42	
Japanese	51.67	54.38	- 0.27	
European	96.43	101.50	- 0.07	.
Gilt	85.92	90.43	- 0.14	.
Deposit	79.94	84.14		
Managed	89.04	93.72	- 0.72	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	79.27	84.72	- 0.26	0.22
Pacific Basin	70.10	75.53	- 0.30	..
High Inc Dist	128.00	136.80†	- 1.10	5.19
Ryl Life Inc Cmry	56.53	60.12†	- 0.09	4.02
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.72	68.02	- 0.01	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.48	63.27	- 0.03	.
UK Emerging Cos	118.10	127.68	+ 0.20	1.21
UK Index Trckg	154.50	164.60	- 2.80	3.40
European	124.80	133.90	- 0.20	0.29
Managed	140.60	151.10	- 0.40	0.78
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	145.30	155.60	.	0.42
European Growth	107.70	113.90†	.	1.22
Far East Growth	124.70	132.70		0.69
Japan Growth	125.80	133.70		...
Special Sits	181.00	192.50†		1.63
UK Growth	73.89	78.80	.	2.62
UK Gen Income	227.00	241.50	.	0.92
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	151.30	160.20	- 0.40	0.43
UK Gen Prog Inc	322.10	341.90	- 1.40	0.78
(Accum Units)	502.30	531.50	- 2.10	0.78
Growth Inc	125.20	132.50	+ 0.90	0.82
(Accum Units)	127.60	135.00	+ 0.70	0.92
International Inc	321.90	340.50	- 1.90	0.68
(Accum Units)	441.30	467.00	+ 2.60	0.68
Nth Am & Intl Inc	308.40	326.30	- 0.40	7.16
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.80	229.40	+ 0.60	1.46
UK High Inc Inc	125.40	133.80	+ 0.80	4.07
SAMRA [illegible] INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 220 0572				
American Gwth	64.09	68.16	+ 0.05	..
Amer Smlr Cos	76.18	81.03	- 0.08	.
Asian Gwth	105.70	110.31†	+ 0.04	0.75
European Gwth	65.43	69.60	- 0.22	1.00
Global Bd	58.30	61.23†	+ 0.10	5.00
Global Eq	57.45	61.11	- 0.11	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.61	51.71	+ 0.27	
Japan Sml Cos	55.15	58.67†	+ 0.31	
UK Gen	50.01	53.20	+ 0.26	2.80
UK Gwth	56.87	60.50	+ 0.39	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	69.19	73.61	+ 0.16	4.05
Amer Smlr Cos	112.30	119.50†	+ 0.20	.
Asian Smaller Cos	40.01	42.56	- 0.05	.
Capital Portfolio	123.20	131.10	- 1.60	1.96
Cash	126.60	126.60†		5.58

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Early gains halved

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	459	½	4.8	9.9
314	233	Allied Irish	270		5.3	10.4
278¼	171	Aus New Z	223	- 5	5.2	8.1
3300	2462½	Bank America	3037½	+ 25		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	216½	+ 2	3.1	12.2
640	487	Barclays†	611	- 3	4.3	9.0
319	246	Bk of Ireland	311	+ 3	4.6	9.0
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2737½	+ 37½		
285½	203	Close Bros†	248		4.0	11.1
£150⅝	£121½	Commerzbk	£146	- 187½	6.1	.
1297½	993⅝	Dai Ich Kan Y	1134⅝	+ 3⅛	0.5	
£344	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£313½	- 328½	2.4	..
1315⅝	625	Espirito Santo	666½		12.4	
90	57	First Nat Fin	74	- 1	2.5	47.2
1549⅝	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1363⅝	+ 10	0.5	
473	195	Hambros	298	+ 7	9.0	12.8
1173	589	HSBC	716		4.8	8.8
1133	578	HSBC HK	706	- 1	4.9	8.6
443	383	Joseph (L)	383		5.8	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Ben†	615	+ 6	4.4	12.0
660	519	Lloyds†	590	- 3	5.5	9.9
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	515	- 13	6.6	8.9
622	427	Nat West†	537	+ 4	5.2	8.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.1	5.7
79	53	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	421	+ 10	4.1	12.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1495		1.7	14.4
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1333	- 7	1.9	12.1
114	75	Singer & Fried	82½		5.4	*
359¼	223	Stand Chart†	292	+ 4	3.4	8.8
291	197	TSB†	243	- 3	4.6	10.4
1012	569	Warburg SG	722	+ 2	3.8	13.2
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£100	- 8½	2.9	
260	194	Westpac	228½	- 2½	2.4	*
390	208	Wintrust†	205		6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	143	Ascot Hldgs	144			
619	485	Bass	525	+ 4	5.0	13.0
298	239	Boddington†	244	+ 1	4.5	12.5
196	163½	Burtonwood Brw	163½	- 5½	3.9	13.7
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	150		3.4	18.2
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54	- 1	5.1	14.0
493	335	Fuller Smi 'A'	348		2.8	14.4
511	398	Greenalls Grp	415	+ 8	3.9	13.7
584	452	Greene King	480	+ 3	3.4	13.1
267	239	Hardy Hansn	257	- 1	4.6	12.5
170	135	Heavitree	155		3.6	*
3773	3125	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
248	195	Mansfield	230	- 1	2.5	14.1
314	256	Marston Thmp	275	+ 5	2.8	13.4
545	405	Morland	415	- 5	3.2	12.5
10¼	5½	Paramount†	8		3.9	18.9
332	309	Regent Inns†	332		2.2	19.0
1787½	1000	SA Breweries	1768½		1.6	28.3
591	477	Scot & New	506	+ 8	4.3	14.5
306	211	Vaux Group	211		5.8	11.9
504	324½	Wetherspoon JD	491	- 3	1.8	26.9
617	494	Whitbread	534	+ 3	4.5	14.6
589	487	Wolvrhmptn D	494	+ 1	3.5	12.8
208	148	Yates Bros	203		3.3	16.0
535	450	Young A	463	..	4.0	19.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130	.	5.0	9.5
200	143	Allen	151	+ 1	4.6	14.2

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	93	ABI Lec	93		5.5	10.7
317	248	Acal	293	..	3.0	15.9
595	253	Adams & Harvey	545	.	3.6	6.8
31	17	Alexanders†	17		7.4	8.2
175	88	Appleyard	100	+ 4	7.5	*
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3⅛		1.7	26.8
578	495	BSS Group	535	+ 3	4.2	18.9
23½	17	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
40	25	Bogod 'A'	25		3.4	11.0
370	288	Bramme†	349		4.7	19.4
31	12	Bridgend Gp	12½		2.0	65.0
99	78	Brit Fittings	92	- 1	3.1	
71	35	Brown & Tawse	38	+ 2		
57	35	Burndene	35		6.9	*
485	240	Caffyns	243		5.9	39.9
59	12	[illegible] Plc	17		8.1	9.4
170	66	Central Mtrl	70		4.9	46.6
51	37½	Cook (DC)	36		4.0	11.0
342½	197½	Cowie†	250½	½	4.6	10.8
192¼	125	Dag Motors	126	...	6.4	14.5
663	446	Dennans El	588		1.4	14.5
626	414	Diploma	414	- 2	4.1	14.5
589	443	Electrocomponents	492		2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron House†	156	..	2.8	13.0
283	225	Ellis & Everard†	239	...	4.1	15.9
234	193	Erodotty	193		5.5	15.1
173	87	European Mtr	96		5.9	10.4
539½	366	Evans Halshaw	371	+ 1	4.8	11.7
656	490½	Farnell Elect	543		1.8	22.3
78	50	Fife Indmar	53		7.4	*
34	15	Gardiner†	20	+ ½	5.0	*
46	16	Glenchewton	16			17.7
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallam Hldgs	67	+ 4	1.9	*
172	122	Harris (Philip)	167		5.1	14.6
342⅝	258	Hestyst	280	..	3.8	13.0
191	87	Holders Tech	87		8.5	9.4
138	96	ISA Intl	96		2.5	*
609	288	Inchcape	306	- 3	6.1	10.2
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	142	Kwik-Fit	145½	+ ½	3.9	*
573	277	Lex Service†	309	+ 3	5.7	18.4
282	162	Lookers†	166	+ 1	5.6	9.2
20	14	Motor Grp	14		2.2	
9	3½	Middlesex ©	6	- ½		
440	279	Nortam	380		0.7	17.0
100	47	Northumber	86		1.9	36.5
175	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
310	225	Pendragon	232		4.5	*
238	129	Perry Gp	132	+ 4	7.4	*
278	126	Quicks Group	135		4.9	14.2
166	97	REA	161	+ 1	4.7	33.3
5¼	2¼	Reece	2¾			
24	2½	Ross Gp	3		8.3	..
46½	32½	SEP Indt	46½		2.8	*
44	31	TLS Range	41		3.0	16.5
265	215	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
271	151	Vardy (Reg)	178		3.7	13.3
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs†	243		6.0	21.7
30½	12½	Wills Gp	12½		5.0	6.9
74½	39½	Wishaw	70½		1.2	23.8
66	37½	Wyko	66		1.9	23.8
96	61	Young (H)	73	...	6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	151	.	6.2	15.4
380	199½	Antofagasta	255		2.0	21.6
62	43	Armour	43	..	5.4	8.9
997	773½	Broken Hill	853	- 14	2.3	18.5
401	273	BTR†	312½	- 4½	5.3	14.4
570	372	BAT†	431	+ 15	6.4	11.5
270½	120½	Berisford Intl	234	..	0.3	61.9

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
20½	11	Locker (T) A	12	..	4.2	..
49	29	ML Hldgs†	33	.	3.2	11.5
67	21	MS Intl	21	...	6.9	12.7
179	129	Mang Bronze	156	+ 1	3.2	12.2
539	378	McKechnie	406	+ 7	4.5	23.9
129	61	Meggitt	88	+ 1	6.1	12.9
130	101	Metalrax	108	...	4.8	*
133	99	Metoc	131	.	2.9	18.2
589	487	Molins	521	...	4.2	*
498	293	Morgan Cble	317	+ 2	5.8	15.4
217	176	[illegible]	216	+ 20	3.8	15.6
51	32	Neepsend	32	...	4.9	16.1
126	48	Neotronics	66	..	3.2	18.3
60	40	Newmark (L)	40	...	...	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
219	172	Bankers	177	..	2.8	...
75¼	32	Baring Em Eu	34½	- ½	0.4	
387	308	Baring Tribun†	311	+ 1	2.7	*
240	198	Berry Starq†	216	.	1.3	
91½	84½	Br Assets†	85½	...	6.2	
98	83	Br Empire Sec	85¼	+ ½	1.4	...
48	25	Br Empire Wts	26			
234	186	Br Inv	208	+ 2	3.0	...
105⅝	63¼	[illegible]	86	- ½	0.4	...
272	211	Brunner†	215½	+ ½	3.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv†	124	...	7.9	
394	310	Candover†	357	+ 1	4.2	
65	38	Central Euro Gwth	38	...	1.4	
271	144	China & Eastern	156	...	2.8	..

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	54	Murray Euro†	56½	.	0.8	*
23½	13	Murray Eu Wts	13½	...		
393	308	Murray Income	319	+ 2	4.8	...
395	296	Murray Intl†	324½	+ 3½	4.9	...
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	163½	+ ½	...	...
174	128	Murray S/C Cap	129	...		...
87	73½	Murray S/C Inc†	74	...	17.8	..
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts†	2825	...	4.5	...
548	378	Murray Small	388	+ 4	1.4	...
383	302½	Murray Vent	334	+ 2	4.3	...
58	15	Newmarket	17	...	...	
95	55	Nutmeg Inc	53	...	10.2	..
104	61	Nutmeg Cap	73	+ 5	...	...
404	316	O'seas Inv Tst	327	+ 2	1.3	..

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
206	133	Border TV	197	..	2.7	17.2
413	350	Bristol	350		4.5	35.6
279	244	B Sky B	259	+ 2	...	48.6
169	117¼	CIA Gpt	138	...	1.7	*
26¼	22½	Caledonian Med	23¼	...	...	...
438	325½	Capital Radio	354	...	2.6	22.1
1047	787	Carlton Comm†	905	+ 3	2.8	18.6
99	76	City of Lon	86	...	6.4	13.1
178	83	Cordiant	91	...	...	15.4
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1390½	...	1.5	23.6
1484¼	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1075	+ 21¼	1.9	18.2
329	260	Dorling Kind	319	+ 15	1.4	34.0
469	355	EMAP	411	+ 3	2.7	32.7
882¼	538	Elsevier	647½	- 5½	...	*

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	95	...	3.7	...
129	119	Inv Cap	123	...	5.5	...
99	84	Intl Biotech	84	...	...	...
50	25	Int Wts	25	- 1	...	...
177	126	INVESCO [illegible]	126	...	...	...
122	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	83	+ 1	8.9	...
100	84	J Fry Euro Ut	84	...	7.1	...
255	177	JF Fledg Jap	188	+ 1	...	...
121	99	Jupiter Intl Grt	100	...	4.2	...
243	194	Kleinwort Chrt	203	+ 2	3.2	...
149	96½	Klwrt E Mkt	97	...	...	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7⅛	2¼	Brent Walker	2¼	...	..	..
200	108	Bristol Scotts	165	...	2.3	...
7⅛	⅛	Buckingham Int	⅛	...	...	...
256	114	Chrysalis	253	...	...	...
94	71	City Centre Rest	72	...	9.1	14.8
374	305	Compass Grp†	321	...	2.6	16.7
290	232	Eurocamp†	265	...	4.9	11.9
213	78	Euro Disney	157	...	...	...
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	13.1
456	308	Fairline Boats†	398	- 9	4.9	18.9
131	81	First Choice†	109	...	4.4	28.5

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1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
124	105	Klwrt End	110	...	...	...
89½	73	Klwrt Euro Ptd	76½	+ ¼	1.3	...
49	27½	Klwrt Euro Wts	25	..	...	...
116	77	Klwrt H Inct	78	...	12.8	...
272½	213	Klwrt O'seas†	226	+ ½	1.9	*
165	113	Klwrt Smlr	113	...	2.5	*
201	71	Latin American	82½	- ¼	...	...
826	672	Law Debenture	743	+ 5	3.5	*
129	93	Lazard H Inct	100	+ 2	8.0	...
97	77	Lloyds Smr Cap	77½	+ ½	...	...
35	26	Lloyds Sm Dbt	26	- ½	17.5	*
129	102	Lloyds Sm [illegible]	103½	+ ½	4.4	*

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	245	First Leisure†	279	...	3.7	17.7
265	208½	Forte	242	+ 2	3.9	28.6
287	160	Friendly Hotels	160	...	4.5	26.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	2.5	..
598	475	Granada†	539	+ 8	2.3	18.1
118	95	Groupe Chez Ger	109	+ 1	0.9	15.0
96	24	Hi-Tec Sports	24	...	14.5	3.5
216	56	Hornby	109	+ 11	10.3	9.5
187½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	174½	- 5½	3.9	15.8
18¼	11½	Kunick	17½	...	3.6	19.8
289	200	London Clubs	268	+ 3	5.6	13.8
217½	145	Ladbroke†	170	- 1	4.4	...

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
45	24½	Mercury Eur Wt	27	- ½		
125	81	Mercury World	83	+ ½	1.0	*
52½	17	Mercury Wld Wts	17½		..	..
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	504	- 1	1.7	..
158	125	Morg Gren Inc	131	+ 2	4.6	...
64	39	Morg Wts	46	+ 2	...	...
111	48	Morg Lats Amer	53	- ½	...	...
85	20	Morg Wts	27		...	...
148	104	Murray Ent	112½	+ 1½	2.4	...
56	25	Murray Ent Wts	26	...	...	...
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	75½	...	..	..
42	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	28	..	...	...

MEDIA

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	337		2.2	30.5
355	198	Adscene†	295	...	3.0	18.5
33	17½	Aegis Gp	23	...	...	...
11¾	2¼	Allied Radio	2½	...	...	...
26	13	BBB Design	19	...	...	35.9
235	155	Barbour Index†	185	...	5.8	16.6
13½	5	[illegible]	5½	...	...	...
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	...	5.3	11.6
402	174	Blenheim Gp	174	- 4	7.4	6.5

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
245	178½	Woodside	286	- 2	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	52	...	...	...

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD†	82	+ 5	6.4	7.9
132	96	Baltic Pict	129	...	2.9	*
185	53	Berry Bch Nbt	55	...	11.6	8.3
215	148	[illegible] Inv	154	+ 1	...	...

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
109	97	Exc 3% 1990-95	99	...	3.01	5.81
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	...	10.12	6.42
113	103	Treas 12¾% 1995	103	...	12.29	6.69
117	105	Treas 14% 1996	105	...	13.25	6.87
121	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108	...	14.04	7.09
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	..	12.44	7.26
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.65	7.50
100	96	Treas 7% 1997	98	+	7.13	7.63
121	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	+	12.14	7.73
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.08	7.76
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.67	7.89
131	114	Exch 15% 1997	115†	+	12.94	8.05
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.40	8.17
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	97†	+	7.44	8.18
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	+	7.05	8.20
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	+	12.13	8.34
140	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121†	+	12.73	8.22
125	109	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.78	8.33
116	100	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+	9.16	8.31
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112†	+	10.85	8.37
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	+	9.79	8.38
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	91	+	6.55	8.31
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+	9.60	8.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
115	99	Conv 9% 2000	102	+	8.78	8.36
98	86	Treas 8% 2000	98	+	8.12	8.32
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118	+	10.94	8.49
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106	+	9.35	8.50
108	89	Treas 7% 2001	92	+	7.55	8.43
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	+	9.18	8.54
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	97	+	8.24	8.48
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	108	+	9.22	8.54
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+	10.17	8.65
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	+	4.64	7.14
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	106 †	+	8.94	8.51
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	89	+	7.58	8.42
108	97	Treas 8½% 2005	100	+	8.45	8.38
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105†	+	8.91	8.49
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122	+	10.20	8.72
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	95	+	8.15	8.41
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	96 †	...	8.29	8.46
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	+	10.06	8.73
110	95	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+	8.45	8.42
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129 †	+	10.44	8.72
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	104†	+	8.60	8.41
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	96 †	+	8.28	8.40

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	82	+	7.61	8.30
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	105	+	8.55	8.39
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.53	8.38
99	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+	7.30	8.15
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	96 †	+	8.26	8.33
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.22	8.35
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.37	8.32
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.10	8.54

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1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.31	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	29†	+	8.39	...

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1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
205	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	205	+	1.88	3.44
113	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	+	2.81	3.84
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168 †	+	3.40	3.81
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	+	3.50	3.82
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109 †	+	3.51	3.81
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	171	+	3.58	3.81
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	-	3.63	3.83
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	-	3.68	3.84
146	125	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131	-	3.68	3.84
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	-	3.70	3.86
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134†	-	3.73	3.86
129	105	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111	...	3.72	3.84
128	107	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	-	3.74	3.87

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
154	108	Brewin Dolphin†	140	+ 6	4.5	10.7
757	620	Caledonia	638	...	3.2	17.4
2650	1900	Camellia	2300	..	1.7	6.1
32½	16⅝	Cattles†	16¾	+ ½	3.7	*
630½	418	Cater Allen	459	- 2	7.7	9.5
174½	125	Cattles	158	..	4.2	17.7
85	26	Christie	26	...	...	57.5
16	12	EFG	14½	...	0.9	8.5
73	45½	EFT Group	71½	- 1	3.1	15.1
740	513	EFM	728	...	4.2	*
212	158	Exco	170	- 1	4.5	*
229	157	Gartmore†	164½	+ ½	4.2	13.8
515	395	Gerrard Nat	423	- 2	7.1	12.2
465	255	Govett†	264	- 6	7.0	4.4
1208	845	Henderson Ad	905	+ 7	5.7	13.8
251½	151	Invesco	168	+ 1	2.8	27.6
50	37	Investment Co.	46	...	4.8	14.7
250	185	Ivory Sime	202	..	4.6	15.7
317	193½	Jardine Strat	248¼	+ 3½	3.3	10.0
428	95	Johnson Fry	118	...	1.6	3.7
170	86	King Shaxson	87	...	12.9	6.5
245	131	Lon Forfaiting†	145	...	6.8	*
124	95	Lon Scot Bk†	116	..	4.4	15.2
1243	794	M & G	893	+ 19	3.8	17.4
323	218	MAI†	251	+ 2	3.9	12.6
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	96½	+ ½	...	...
807	538	MAM	743		3.0	17.3
252½	85	Nat Home Loan	107½	- 2	...	9.8
1278	970	Perpetual	1278	+ 30	3.4	13.8
573	415	Provident†	545	- 1	4.7	13.4
365	245	Rathbone Bros	290	+ 5	3.7	14.4
29	21½	Rutland Tst	25½		4.4	12.9
369	281¼	S & U	306	- 2	4.4	10.0
425	135	Sharelink	158	+ 4	7.1	5.9
188	105	SJP Capital	107	+ 1	3.5	7.8
499	374	Smith New Ct	453	- 1	2.8	5.2
224	73	Terry Lawt	74	...	7.8	17.8
65	23	Tea Hldgs	24	...	0.5	39.4
199	70	Unicorn†	74	..	5.1	*
31	20	Western Selectn	22	..	1.4	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311¼	Brit Biotech	495	+ 6	.	..
488	163	Cantab Pharms	183	...	...	...
271	191	Celltech	270	+ 1	..	..
151	88	Chiroscience	120	...	...	...
47	31	Codecs	31	...	...	...
168	103	Fisons	165	+ 2	3.3	
725	520	Glaxo†	703	- 5½	5.0	17.0
185	95½	Evergreen Hdg	119½	.	5.8	22.1
199	128	Medeva†	195	+ 1	2.1	13.4
3	½	Premier Health	1	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care	230	..	2.4	11.4
362	242	Scotia	362	...	...	...
83	40	Shield Diag	40	...	...	...
532	357½	SmithKline†	524	- 3	3.1	...
513	322	Smithkline Ut†	504	- 5	3.2	...
1068	498	Wellcome†	1052	- 3½	2.7	22.6
934	672	Zeneca†	886	+ 2	4.0	20.0

PRINTING & PAPER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	128	AG Holdings	120	...	5.7	11.3
444	335	API	414	..	2.7	19.7
316	219	Arjo Wiggins†	248	- 18	3.7	13.8
205	145	Aspen Cons	164	...	3.8	18.6
472	347	Bemrose	358	...	4.4	12.5
524	387	Bowater	432	+ 6	4.1	13.2
2112½	1378¼	Bowater Inct	2034½	+ 77¼	..	...
297	242	[illegible] Intl	282	...	1.8	17.2
525	435	Br Polythene	524	- 1	3.3	

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...
284	104	Essex Furn	105	.	5.5	11.7
326	170	Etam	200	+ 2	4.8	11.1
558	320	Fine Art Dev	339	.	5.3	10.5
68	37	Flood Earth	37	- 4	...	*
106	71	Flying Flowers†	94	- 1	2.5	12.3
280	124	French Conn	280	...	...	11.8
264	205	Frost Group	232	- 1	2.9	23.4
66	49	Gloves	50	..	3.8	17.9
138	85	Goldsmiths Gp	118	+ 2	2.0	21.2
653	493	GUS†	569	+ 15	3.0	16.4
196	164	Hamleys	182	..	3.2	17.5
51	21	Hampden Gp	46	...	3.3	*
227	142	Hse of Fraser	158	+ 2	4.8	14.2
95	68½	Hughes (T.J)	81	+ 1	3.9	13.3
255	228	JJB Sports	246		3.0	16.0
778	379	Kingfisher	448	+ 1	4.3	16.9
276	95	Kleeneze†	85	...	2.8	27.0
435	233	Liberty	233	..	2.6	...
390	209	Lloyds Chemt	217	- 1	5.8	7.0
184	108	MFI	117	- 2	4.5	14.6
460½	368½	Marks Spencer	404½	+ 7½	2.9	18.0
680	495	Menzies (John)†	512	+ 2	3.0	12.1
377	238	Moss Bros	347	...	3.1	13.7
298	214	Next	288	+ 4	2.9	17.7
59	20	OEM	30	...	...	...
97	39	Oliver (G)	90½	...	1.4	*
113	73	Partridge Fine†	86	...	4.8	9.6
268	123	QS Hldgs	123	- 2	5.3	13.5
62	7½	Rhino Gp▲	8	...	...	...
208	114	Rosebys	115	...	5.4	*
132	98	Sears	100½	+ 1	4.8	17.1
46	14½	Signet Group	16¼	+ 1		5.8
549	404	Smith WH†	422	- 1	4.6	21.7
1260	638	Sotheby's	728	+ 15	3.7	34.2
252	189	Storehouse	225	+ 3	3.2	18.5
206	151¼	Stylo	172	+ 3	1.9	11.6
198	143	T & S Stores	150	+ 7	5.2	10.6
173	99	Tie Rack	99	..	2.2	11.8
63⅝	3¼	Upton & South	4¼	...	...	...
539	364	Vendome	452	+ 9	2.2	34.8
70	26	WEW Group	35	...	3.4	22.0
93½	52	Wd of Leather	80	+ 1	3.2	*
195	138	Wyevale†	163	...	3.7	*

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	491	Allied Domecq	525	+ 7	5.4	14.2
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	405	+ 1	3.4	21.9
140	105	Burn Stewart	109	.	5.7	24.0
506	352	Grand Met†	394	+ 6	4.4	17.8
542	404	Guinness	421	+ 2	3.8	13.9
457	353	Highland Dist	384	- 1	2.4	17.5
222	127	MacAllan-Glen	189	...	0.8	49.5
710	365	Martin Wtn 'A'	640	.	1.9	27.5
614	515	Matthew Clark†	547	...	4.3	25.1
250	61	Merrydown W	83	..	3.8	...
180	128	Taunton Cider	137	...	6.2	10.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	73	ACT Group	105	- 1	6.2	11.2
743	583	ADT	680	- 3	...	...
46	34	Alphameric	35	...	...	28.7
140	43	Auto Sec	56	+ 3	..	7.3
182	99	BET Ord	118	...	3.9	15.7
195	115	BNB Res	156	...	4.1	18.1
255	175	BPP†	248	..	4.8	*
186	130	BSM	160		5.2	*
3⅛	⅛	Black & Edg	3½	- ¼	..	...
1109	500	Borland	887½	...	...	...
326	165	Brit Data Mgt	118	...	5.7	8.3
79	57	Brooks Service	63	...	3.5	...
117½	75	CRT Gpt	84	...	5.0	20.6
239	148	Capita Group†	148	- 1	2.8	*
423	277½	Chubb Sec	312	- 1	2.6	14.2
243	105	Comp People	234	+ 4	1.6	

WATER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
887	442	Anglian	478	..	6.2	10.6
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	4.3	11.7
611	454	North West	537	+ 2	5.5	7.7
890	508	Northumbrian	814	+ 5	3.9	8.8
645	457	Severn Trent†	511	- 1	5.7	8.5
2075	1525	South Staffs	2065	...	3.3	12.5
675	459	South West†	495	+ 4	6.7	7.2
682	466	Southern†	549	- 3	5.4	7.9
611	434½	Thames	494	+ 2½	5.9	7.4
744	546	Welsh	585	+ 2	5.6	6.5
379⅝	252	Wessex†	278	- 1	5.5	7.3
630	456	Yorkshire	514		5.7	7.6

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Passing on the paperwork

David Young visits one company where the new strategy for outsourcing many office functions is working wonders

The oil industry has been a traditional user of outsourcing at the sharp end of exploration, using specialist sub-contractors to carry out such tasks as seismic surveying, drilling and oilfield support services.

However, outsourcing is being increasingly used by the companies at the other end of their businesses, where oil products are sold to the customer.

The latest move in this direction means that BP Oil and the other main company in Hemel Hempstead, Kodak, are now linked by more than the stretch of dual carriageway between their head office buildings.

Kodak Facilities Management has just been awarded a £3.4 million contract to run BP Oil's office imaging, mailroom management, print administration and records and information management.

The decision by BP Oil to award the contract to its near neighbour came after a thorough analysis of its requirements and a study of all the major players in the document handling sector.

The process started in 1993, when BP Oil examined its support services, prompted by increasing competition in the marketplace particularly from the supermarket retail chains.

BP Oil needed to realign its approach to cost management and tying up working capital in office and administrative operations.

Richard Paver, BP Oil property services manager, said: "The result was a uniform strategy, agreed across the worldwide business, with flexibility as to how it was to be realised. Each country was to look at the level of ownership it had over administrative support, and to outsource these services where it could be shown that benefits could be gained over and above liquidating capital."

BP Oil UK invited competitive tenders and Kodak FM now provides all office imaging needs. This involves all centralised and walk-up document output, whether processed through high-volume copying, or managed as on-demand electronic printing over the network. These services deal both with office documentation and with mainframe data processing output. Kodak FM also runs the mailroom, including internal distribution, couriers, post and franking.

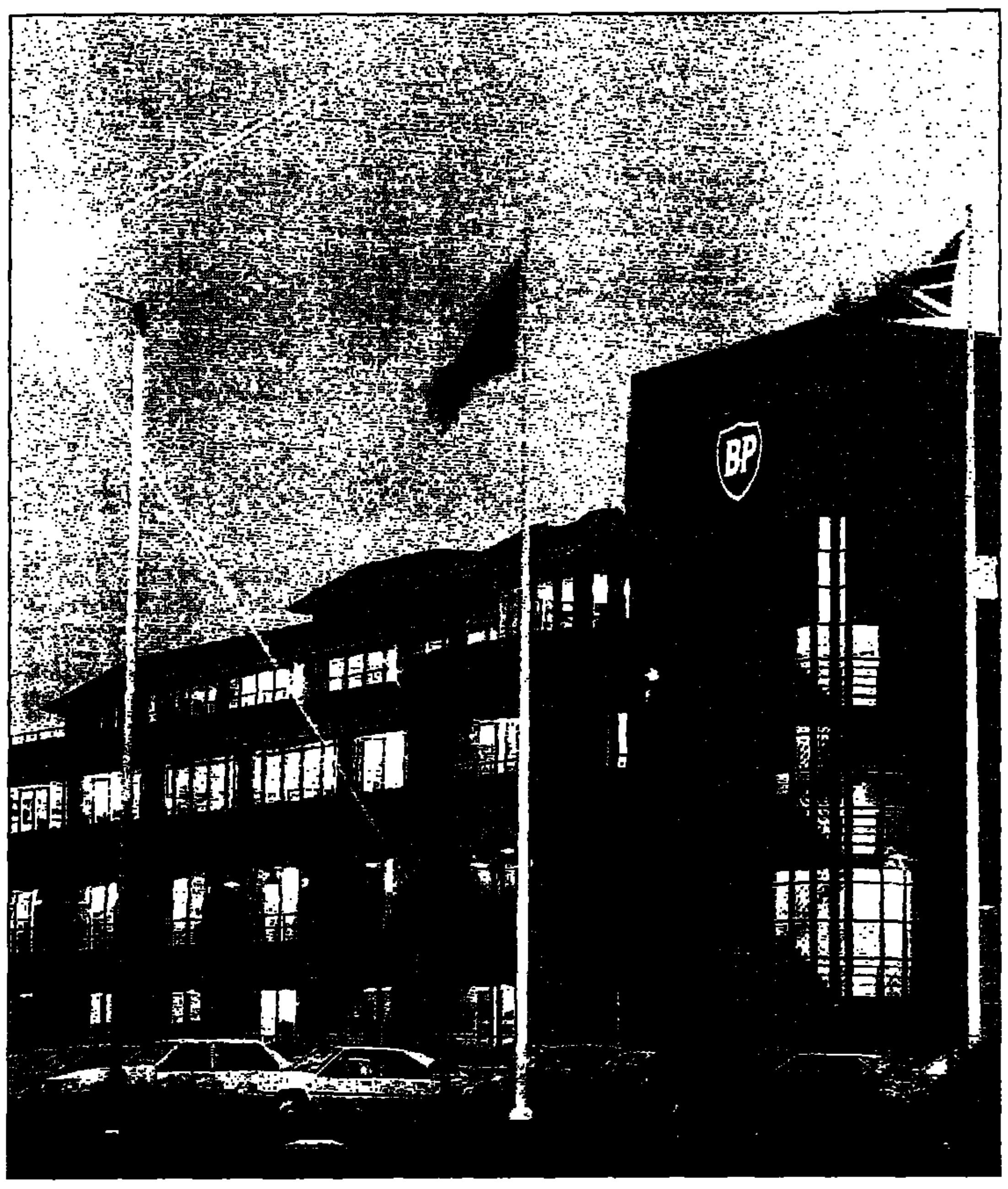
Kodak deals with all records management, converting incoming and internal documentation to suitable archive media — microfilm or digital — and indexing for easy retrieval.

Kodak also runs the BP Oil library and business information service, providing staff and executives with research and information.

> 'The trend to successful outsourcing is being led by the really major players'

The final aspect of the contract involves Kodak in managing BP Oil's print buying for items such as brochures, retail promotions and other glossy literature.

Mr Paver said: "There are other 'softer' — though no less important benefits which are accruing from the outsourcing process. Kodak FM has retained the majority of BP Oil staff previously working on these support services. As well as providing a certain corporate continuity these staff — who are now Kodak FM employees — have much better prospects. They are employed in a company in their area of activity, namely document management. This means that their training, management, career path, and hence motivation, are now immeasurably enhanced. From our point of view, this makes worries about the retention of such expert staff a thing of the past."


BP Oil's head office in Hemel Hempstead, where its next door neighbour handles the mail

To make sure that the benefits are quantifiable and lasting, BP Oil monitors the contract using a member of its staff who is a specialist on purchasing and contract management.

As well as detailed financial evaluation of the contract, staff are regularly surveyed on their opinion of the service. Mr Paver added: "Overall I would say that the trend to successful outsourcing — and one must remember that not all experiences have been good — is being led in each industry by the really major players, British Gas, BP, IBM and so on.

"That it is a real trend is indicated by two factors. First, the meteoric growth of companies like Kodak FM. Secondly, the even greater growth in the number of commercial seminars on the subject. I am sure that throughout Europe, commerce and industry are looking with keen interest at the UK experience."

A service well documented

Companies are increasingly looking to outside contractors to take charge of key administrative functions

Despite moves towards the paperless office, a growing number of companies are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of having a well-organised documentation system in operation, writes David Young. Badly produced and badly managed documents can affect a company's levels of productivity and have a damaging effect on its reputation.

This awareness has emerged at the same time as a realisation that outsourcing by a company can extend beyond the catering and cleaning functions to cover the whole gamut of reprographics. Some companies started outsourcing their documentation requirements early in the Eighties, but it wasn't until Rank Xerox Business Services began offering the service in 1989 that the demand was fully tapped.

Rank Xerox Business Services is now the leader in the field, with more than 100 contracts under which the company equips, staffs and manages centralised print rooms, data centre printing and mailroom services for clients.

This aspect of outsourcing has grown because companies have now started to grasp just what is involved and how, by using a company such as Rank Xerox, they can release staff to deal with other core tasks.

Although advances in technology have vastly improved a company's ability to manage data electronically, 90 per cent of information created ends up being used in various forms of documentation.

Documents consume an average of 60 per cent of an office worker's time, according to the American Institute of Management, and can account for up to 40 per cent of wage costs and 8 per cent of company revenue.

One of the best known of Rank Xerox's clients for outsourcing of its document handling requirements is the management consultancy Coopers and Lybrand, a company which itself uses the phrase "Solutions for Business" in its corporate logo, and which recently merged with Deloitte Haskins and Sells to create the UK's largest accountants and management consultancy.

> Advances in technology have vastly improved the ability to manage data electronically

John Graham-Brown, administration partner, said: "We chose Rank Xerox because they offered us the most appropriate solution to our needs.

"We have seen marked improvements in turnaround time and quality, from the production of internal telephone lists to 200-page client reports which, being distributed to board directors, need to be produced to the highest standard.

"We no longer have the distraction involved in managing document production and can concentrate on being totally committed to the development of business solutions."

Another satisfied customer is Alan Partridge, UK facilities operations manager for Hewlett Packard, which has contracted its entire documentation requirement to Rank Xerox.

Mr Partridge said: "As part of our contract, staffing is maintained at agreed levels, which means we get a continuous service and productivity has been increased.

"Our staff are particularly happy with how their deadlines are being met, and with the minimum amount of downtime on copiers — a direct result of regular health checks being carried out."

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Make the most of your post

Unsolicited letters may be annoying, but direct mail is a boom business. **Rodney Hobson** spoke to a company which specialises in putting more post on the doormat

As every household knows, unsolicited mail and inserts in newspapers and magazines are arriving in ever-increasing numbers. Most direct marketing efforts are handled in-house but one specialist in the field is convinced that this operation will increasingly be outsourced.

Colleagues, founded in 1987, took a stockmarket listing this month. The share placing raised £8 million to fund the expected growth. This year it expects to send out 1.25 billion pieces of paper on behalf of clients.

Direct marketing — any form of advertising or communication that seeks a direct response — includes direct mail, door-to-door sales, marketing over the telephone, coupons and inserts in newspapers and magazines and routine mail such as electricity bills.

The total expenditure on direct marketing was estimated to be about £3.4 billion in 1992 and growing fast. Of this, £900 million was direct mail. Estimates suggest that direct marketing will grow by 38 per cent between now and 1998.

Direct mail has grown particularly rapidly, trebling over the past ten years. In 1993, about 2.4 billion items of direct mail were posted in the UK and about 120 million orders for goods and services were placed in response.

Further growth will come not only from businesses using direct marketing for the first time, but also from existing users expanding their operations.

Industry data suggests that UK households receive less direct mail than their European counterparts — 42 unsolicited letters a year per head of population in Britain, as against 105 in Switzerland and 86 in Belgium.

Insurers have been the fastest growing sector using direct marketing over the past decade. They form the largest group, with 10.3 per cent of the market. Banks and credit card issuers are also heavy users.

Colleagues was founded by James Robson, now chairman, who was joined a year later by Andrew Bennett, managing director. Both had worked for Damart, a large European mail order group where Mr Robson was marketing director.

Although Colleagues claims to be the largest independent direct marketing agency in the UK, it admits that its share of the total direct marketing sector is relatively small because, historically, a large proportion of direct marketing has been handled in-house. That apart, its competitors are mainly agencies which form part of large creative or marketing services groups.

> 'It is in no one's interest to mail things to people who don't want them. It is an astonishing waste of money'

Colleagues believes growth lies in persuading companies that they can achieve a better response at lower cost than an in-house operation.

Mr Robson says: "We are not a bunch of advertising and marketing gurus. We are retained by large companies to save them an enormous amount of money. We do not employ lots of people with ponytails who drive Porsches. We can cut clients' production costs by 47 per cent."

Colleagues itself outsources much of its work, for example the printing. Mr Robson says: "We don't own printing presses or other expensive equipment."

Its buying power enables it to procure competitive prices and high quality, using a number of suppliers around Europe. Mr Robson says: "As much of the material being printed is due for dispatch on a predetermined date, the timely completion of the print and production is of the utmost importance. The group maintains regular contact with suppliers regarding the status of each job."

Mr Robson says the direct marketing industry has experienced rapid growth since the early 1980s as a result of the changing nature of advertising techniques. As the purpose of direct marketing is to invoke a reply, it is possible to monitor the effectiveness of any campaign. This is not usually possible with other forms of advertising. Over a period of years, organisations are able to use this feedback to fine-tune their direct marketing campaigns and make them more effective.

He says: "It is in no one's interest to mail things to people who don't want them. It is an astonishing waste of money."

Mr Robson says most of his customers are high-volume, experienced advertisers operating with large marketing budgets and a good understanding of the benefits that can be achieved through direct marketing. Consequently, the customer profile principally comprises blue chip companies and major charitable organisations.

While data on the insert market is not as readily available as for other forms of direct marketing, Colleagues believes this sector has experienced strong growth that will continue.

Mr Robson says: "The major factor is the increasing number of opportunities for placement that are available. Major organisations who regularly communicate with their customers are increasingly taking advantage of this opportunity by including inserts in their mailings. In addition, the national daily newspapers have become more receptive to carrying inserts and a number have installed machinery capable of inserting at the same time as printing."

NEWS IN BRIEF

A contract too large

THE AUDIT Commission has correctly identified many of the problems in the implementation of compulsory competitive tendering but fails to suggest many of the solutions required, according to the Business Services Association. John Hall, the association's director-general, says problems include putting too many services into too large a packet for many contractors to cope with, and excessive monitoring. He says factors that discourage tendering that are not covered by the report include unduly complicated and lengthy documentation, excessive penalty clauses and high-performance bonds.

IMMEDIATE advice on topics ranging from pollution to pest control is now available for businesses through the first national "on demand" environmental health and safety information service. It has been launched by National Britannia, which provides consultancy services to more than 17,000 companies. Called Responseline, subscribers can telephone a team of experts for instant up-to-date information on the increasingly complex issues of health and safety.

BET HAS reorganised its outsourcing services into three divisions within its BET Management Services subsidiary. The divisions are commercial and industrial, public sector and healthcare.

THE HOME Office has awarded an 18-month facilities management service contract to Trafalgar House, covering five of its properties in Croydon. Trafalgar House Facilities Services will provide porterage and handyman services, landscaping maintenance, kitchen and servery deep cleaning and pest control.

BARCLAYS Development Capital, the private equity arm of BZW, has taken a 49 per cent stake in Unistat, the UK's second largest independent stationer. Barclays says the decision is part of its strategy to back companies with good management in growth sectors of British industry.

THE AUTOMATIC Vending Association of Britain is holding what is claimed to be the world's largest vending exhibition at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester on April 4-6. More than 130 exhibitors are taking part.

AFTER THE success of this year's FM Expo 95 at London's Olympia, the British Institute of Facilities Management and the exhibition organisers, Blenheim, have agreed jointly to organise and host next year's FM Expo 96. The show will take place at Olympia from March 26-28.

AN UNIQUE agreement has been signed by Unisys and The Cooperative Bank under which Unisys has taken over the cheque and payment document processing and clearing business of the bank. Cheque processing is increasingly being regarded in the banking industry as no longer a core business and both Unisys and The Cooperative Bank hope to sell the new service to other banks and building societies.

HOSKYNS HAS BEEN awarded the facilities management contract for the Crest electronic securities settlement system which is being developed by the Bank of England to replace the ill-fated Stock Exchange Taurus system. Hoskyns will provide sites and operate and manage the systems on behalf of the bank subsidiary, CrestCo.

GEORGE S. HALL, the energy and facilities management company, has marked its centenary year with a record turnover, in excess of £25 million. In 1990 the company had a turnover of £4 million and employed 50 staff, compared with 500 at present, and is now targeting markets in Europe as part of its further expansion plans.

SYMONDS GROUP has exchanged contracts to buy the principal business and assets of Travers Morgan in the UK. The move, which brings the 850-strong Travers Morgan transport and environmental consultancy staff under the Symonds umbrella, represents a big step forward in Symonds's drive to become a global player in the property and facilities management field. Symonds is owned by the French group, Compagnie Générale des Eaux.

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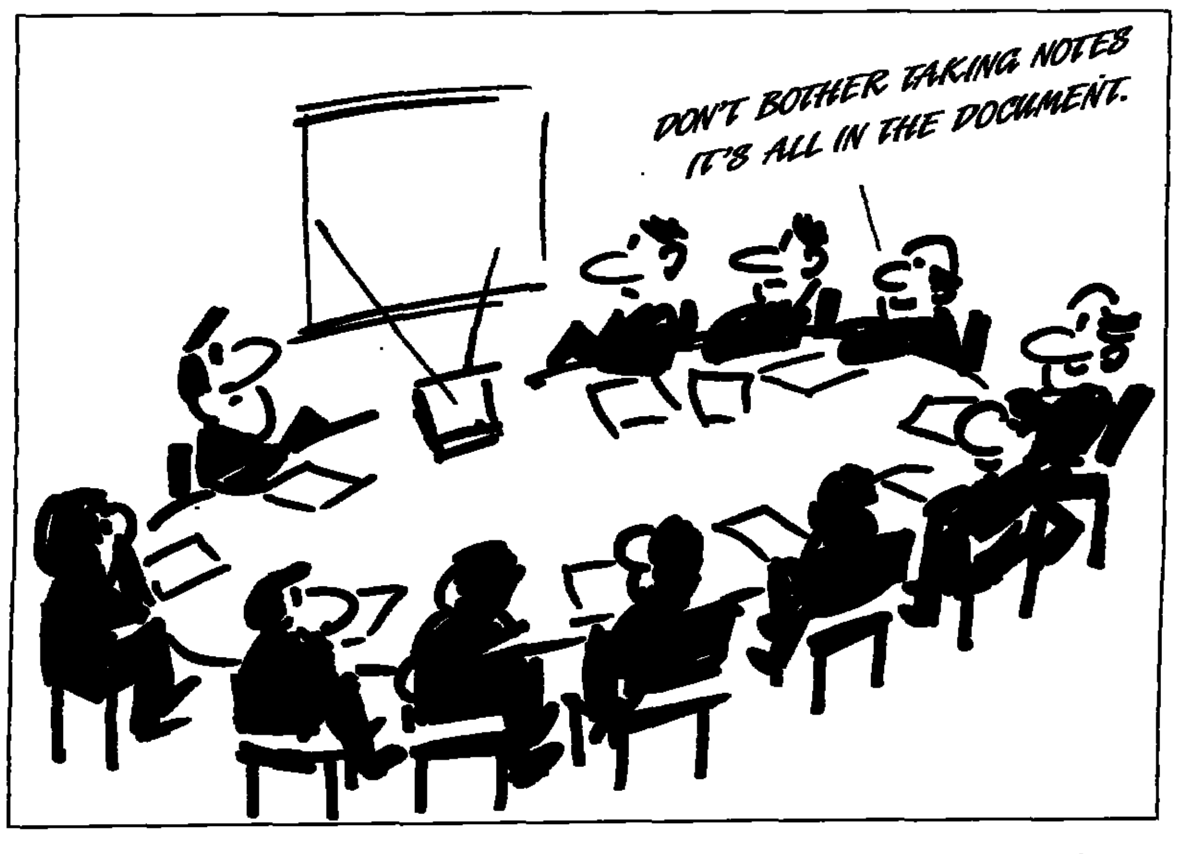

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Forget the movie, listen to the speech. Ahead of next week's awards, **Matt Wolf** considers the art of accepting an Oscar

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The deaf Marlee Matlin, Best Actress for *Children of a Lesser God* in 1987, signed her speech — as had Louise Fletcher (1976) and Jane Fonda (1979)

Sometimes winning an Academy Award isn't everything: it's how you win that matters. Which may be one of the reasons why the Oscar ceremony continues to transfix a global audience every year. Long after one has forgotten last year's winners, acceptance speeches from years before linger in the mind. Who can forget Sally Field's, "You like me: you really *like* me," when she won her second Best Actress prize in 1985 for *Places in the Heart*? Not the Academy, which has yet to nominate Field again, or fellow nominee Sissy Spacek, for *The River*, whose scowl in the wake of Field's remarks was captured on camera for the world to see.

Field's acceptance was astonishing in ways that went beyond its career-destroying spontaneity (*note her* failure this year to get a Supporting Actress nomination for the otherwise ubiquitous *Forrest Gump*). It laid bare, albeit briefly, the insecurity underpinning a profession whereby an award is seen to relate less to a particular performance, and more to that performer's popularity: their "likeability" quotient.

Connoisseurs of acceptance speeches have been well-served of late, since the Oscars now represent such huge amounts of money that nominees almost always attend. Gone are the days when victors would be represented by proxies, memorable though the stand-ins sometimes were.

Think, for instance, of Marlon Brando's chosen surrogate, one Sacheen Littlefeather, when the actor won his second Best Actor Oscar for *The Godfather*. Littlefeather entered Oscar legend in 1973 the moment she took to the stage. Introducing herself as the Apache president of the National Native American Affirmative Image Committee, she went on to decry the film industry's treatment of Native Americans — only to be revealed subsequently as a fraud herself: an actress in Apache clothing whose own bid for screen fame was presumably trumped some two decades later when Oscar nominee Mary McDonnell got a role made to measure for her in *Dances With Wolves*. Brando, unlike Field, quickly overcame any ignominy associated with the incident. He was nominated for an Oscar the very next year, for *Last Tango in Paris*.

Some acceptance speeches have achieved far more renown than the performances that begat them. Greer Garson's Oscar-winning turn in the 1942 film *Mrs Miniver* was a case of the Academy awarding a propaganda tear-jerker made to order for a country at war. But Garson's five-and-a-half minute acceptance speech has become so legendary that one often sees it referred to as 35 minutes long. (It wasn't: it just seemed epic.)

> ‘Jeremy Irons thanked the maker of a previous film’

"I may never win another statuette," Garson began, no doubt eager to cover every possible topic lest her prediction turn out to be accurate, which it did. Feeling "just like Alice in Wonderland", she left the Academy searching for the nearest rabbit hole — and helping to precipitate a change in format that saw the Oscars shift from a reasonably relaxed industry get-together, much like current British awards ceremonies, to an expensive and much-hyped extravaganza that would be heard (and, from 1952 onwards, televised) worldwide.

Born in Co Down in Ireland, Garson made a point of thanking the Academy for rewarding a foreign artist. Eventually, of course, such *choices would seem to become* the rule rather than the exception. Throughout the 1980s, barely a year went by without a British or Irish performer winning one of the four acting trophies — four of the five Best Actor nominees for 1983 films were British — and the sustained eloquence of the British winners (in American eyes, anyway) helped to ensure them a place on the podium.

Listened to objectively, Laurence Olivier's 1979 remarks after his special award for lifetime achievement (the actor was also a Best Actor nominee that year for *The Boys From Brazil*) was so much gobbledegook, with its talk of "the first breath of the majestic glow of a new tomorrow". Its incoherent babble, though, had an effect on at *least one member of the audience*: Jon Voight's euphoric response , as glimpsed on camera, is no less essential an Oscar memory than Spacek's glare at the not-so-likeable Field. The British, it was now clear, could do no wrong, as long as Vanessa Redgrave could be kept from making her incendiary references to "Zionist hoodlums".

Supporting actor winner Joe Pesci *(Goodfellas)* barely mumbled five words in 1991 — "It's my privilege, thank you" — before disappearing from the stage. The night's Best Actor, Jeremy Irons, was contrastingly droll and articulate, not to mention eccentrically dressed in a tux and trainers. Winning for his role as Claus von Bulow in *Reversal of Fortune*, Irons thanked film-*maker* David Cronenberg, even though the Canadian director had nothing to do with the film. Why? Because Cronenberg had directed Irons in *Dead Ringers*, featuring the actor in a *tour de force* performance as murderous twins for which he had not been nominated but without which he felt the *Reversal* prize would not have been his.

No less popular, the previous year, was *My Left Foot's* Daniel Day-Lewis, who countered whatever chauvinistic anger existed at Tom Cruise *(Born on the Fourth of July)* losing out with the smiling assertion that the prize allowed for "one hell of a weekend in Dublin". That the new star received a standing ovation traditionally reserved for veterans such as Jessica Tandy *(that year's Best Actress winner)* proved Hollywood's affection for the Anglo-Irish outsider; the Oscars did not see another ovation like it until two years later, when the Best Actor award went to the third Briton in a row, Anthony Hopkins.

The British, of course, have no monopoly on eloquence. Dustin Hoffman impressed many viewers in 1980 with his fierce denunciation of the Kentucky Derby the awards had become: "I refuse to believe that Robert Duvall *lost*," he said in an angry acceptance speech for *Kramer vs Kramer*. But those noble sentiments, interestingly, had vanished some nine years later when Hoffman won the same award for *Rain Man*.

Louise Fletcher, one of the disconcertingly many Oscar-winners now faded into oblivion, had the auditorium in tears in 1976 as she delivered her Best Actress prize for *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* in sign language to her parents, who are deaf. When Jane Fonda *(Coming Home)* did the same three years later, for no apparent reason, the signing seemed like an attention-grabbing gimmick. It was left to deaf winner Marlee Matlin *(Children of a Lesser God)* in 1987 to revive what looked briefly like a trend, though Matlin's acceptance was as sincere as Fonda's had seemed phoney. The actress's signing was inseparable from who she was, not an irrelevant bid for sympathy from a star who in any case seems to have traded in acting for aerobics.

And what of this year? Will a Tom Hanks win for *Forrest Gump* inspire the actor to the same celestial heights as his prize last year for *Philadelphia?* Can any victor ever again look as truly startled and delighted as little Anna Paquin, Best Supporting Actress for *The Piano*? Whatever happens, one thing is sure: in the light of his deadpan acceptance speech at the Golden Globes in January, the Academy may regret not nominating the actor sure to be the most entertaining prizewinner of this or any year: Hugh Grant.

● *The 67th Academy Awards will be shown live on BBC2 on March 28, starting at 3am*

CONCERT

Past and present in tune

BBC SO/Davis
Festival Hall

SO MUCH has been discovered and written about turn-of-the-century performance practice in recent years that it is difficult enough to approach an account of Elgar's Violin Concerto without reference to it. However, when the Concerto is programmed, as it was in the BBC Symphony Orchestra's concert on Sunday night, alongside Elgar's own rapprochement with a bygone era — *his roistering transcription* of Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor — and Hugh Wood's unashamedly backward-looking Symphony, one cannot help but see things in a *historical perspective*.

The career of the soloist, Ida Haendel, straddles many decades, leading back into the Elgarian era itself. Yet there is little evidence in her playing of the slides or the emotional demonstrativeness that characterised the early performances. Nor, indeed, was there in Andrew Davis's direction, which launched the Concerto in four-square, Brahmsian style, minimising tempo fluctuations and elasticity of phrasing. Given the reserve of both conductor and soloist, *rather too many* passages passed by without a sense that their depths of melancholy had been fully plumbed. Amends were made in the mysteriously evocative accompanied cadenza of the finale, where the soloist's haunting arabesques unwound against the gently thrumming orchestral backdrop.

Hugh Wood's Cello Concerto pays *homage* to that of Elgar, but in his Symphony the references are to Mozart and Wagner, among others, while the sound-world evokes that of Mahler and Berg.

In the elegiac slow movement the Mozartian and Wagnerian references hark back to a distant world, one recalled with affection. The Scherzo *unfolds* angular Mahlerian string unisons under chattering woodwind, punctuated by jagged brass figures (all delivered superbly). There was equally impressive execution of broadly spaced, sustained brass chords in the finale, where past and present, tradition and modernity, are movingly reconciled. Elgar would have approved.

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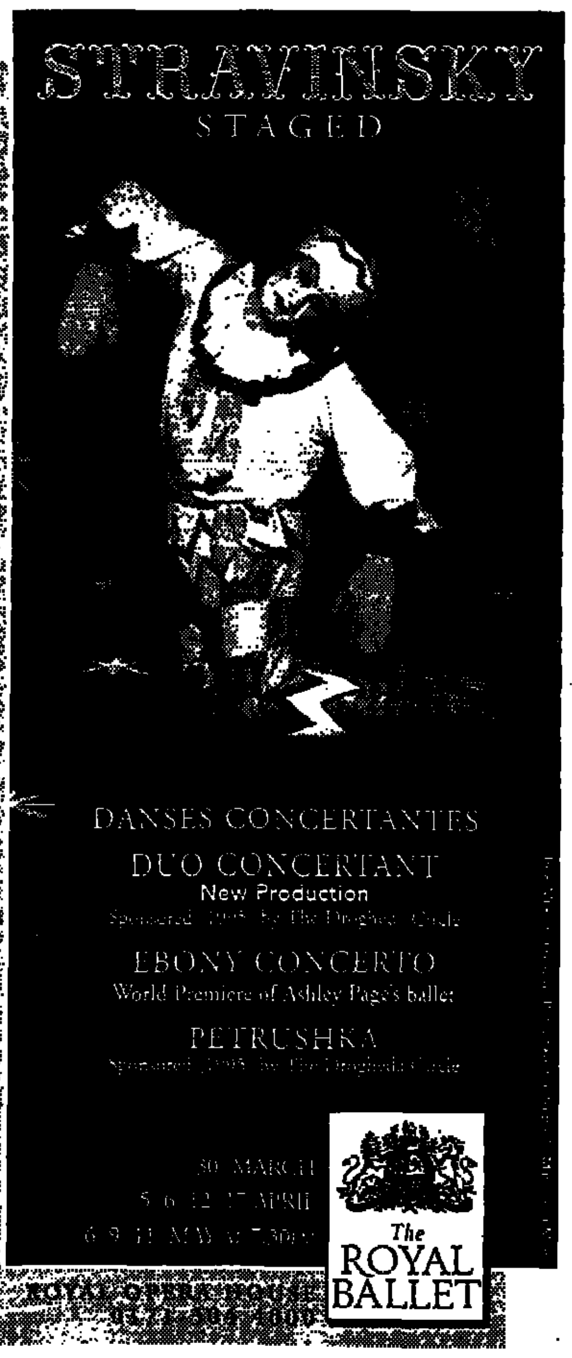

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Glasgow's dazzling shipyard show

Cranes and computers join a spectacular Mayfest display. **Simon Tait** reports

STEPHEN GIBSON

"We want to bring life back to the river," says Angus Farquhar; "we shouldn't let it die."

As a climax to this year's Glasgow Mayfest, eight of Govan shipyard's 100ft cranes will lurch into motion, swinging and swaying through a choreographed performance in a macabre valedictory dance for *the city's* industrial past. The performance will be part of *Stormy Waters*, one of the most spectacular site-specific productions the city has ever seen, and it has seen a few — *Peter Brook's Mahabharata* and Bill Bryden's *The Ship* were first presented in Glasgow's shipyards.

Stormy Waters will be performed twice, on the nights of May 19 and 20, and never again. Opening, bizarrely, inside the mouth of performance artist Ronald Fraser Munro (thanks to a dentist's miniature camera), it will invoke the city's once huge but now fading river-based industrial personality, via the latest in information technology. Art created and transmitted on the Internet from around the world will be seen on the biggest monitor in the world.

The conception is that of Angus Farquhar, a Glasgow-based musician, writer and producer whose work, he says, is "dabbling away on the other side of the cutting edge" of performance art. He appears at nightclubs as the manic percussionist Dr Rapaniki, and in *The Herald* newspaper as the critic and commentator, Angus Malcolm.

The site is in the heart of Clydeside. Now owned by a Norwegian company and renamed Kvaerner-Govan, it is one of two yards operating on the Clyde, where once there were 40. During the performances the audiences of 5,000 at Meadowside will be gazing sometimes at the gigantic *son et lumière* 500 yards away, sometimes at images flashed on to the *enormous granary* beside them, and sometimes into the river itself. They will see fantastical forms cast on the architecture of old industrial Glasgow, and then tiny figures dancing in sudden spotlights to the techno music of the Black Dog and Autechre, the beat of the Sativa Drummers and the soundscape of Underworld.

"It's about perspective," Farquhar says. "It's more sophisticated than football and pop concerts, which also happen a long way from the people experiencing them, but the area of vision here is only usually experienced by farmers and people at sea."

Through the interplay of physical action and technology writ large and small, they *will see the possible future*. Ten computer artists in countries including Japan, the United States, Holland and Australia have been given themes by Farquhar to create *computer images of tomorrow's* Glasgow. At a given moment these images will be transmitted across the Internet on to a ten-metre-high Sony screen.

"What we're doing is animating this breathtaking location," Farquhar says. "The river is so important to this city: you used to be able to see 40 ships at a time, it was teeming with life, and now you're lucky if you see a single dinghy paddling along. We want to bring life back to the river, we shouldn't let it die."

Farquhar was born in Aberdeenshire and brought up in Glasgow and Edinburgh. In the late Seventies he attended Goldsmiths College in London and joined Test Department, a punk band of six drummers which made several albums. In 1988 Farquhar returned to Scotland to revive the traditional Beltane Fire, the *celebration* at the top of Calton Hill on the eve of May Day, which now attracts thousands of vernal revellers. About 50 of the Beltane dancers and drummers will be performing at Meadowside.

"I'm looking for ways in which Glasgow can be creative as it looks towards the new millennium," Farquhar says. "Those Bryden site-specific events were all about the past; this has to be about the city's future and looking towards Glasgow's Year of Architecture in 1999. The local authority is prepared to grasp the possibilities."

Farquhar has not always been on the same side as local politicians. Two years ago Glasgow City Council imposed a midnight curfew in an attempt to curb late-night street violence. Farquhar read this as an outrageous curtailing of personal freedom and led a campaign against it. Glasgow has now lifted the curfew.

Farquhar will not estimate the costs of *Stormy Waters*. It might be as much as £500,000, but he has obtained financial support from the city, Mayfest and the Scottish Arts Council, and is waiting to hear the result of his £100,000 request to the European Regional Development Fund. There is sponsorship from *The Face* magazine, and American Express is offering weekend breaks for this single event. Besides all this, Farquhar expects sponsorship in kind for telephone lines, computer hardware and software.

The entire spectacle will last no more than 90 minutes: "I like to hit the audience hard and fast and send them away reeling to think about it later," Farquhar says. "We're putting the human *element next* to techno to show that technology doesn't need to be taking over from human performance. Glasgow has had a hundred years of physical relocation; *now we're talking about* electronic relocation — travelling without moving."

● *Tickets for* Stormy Waters *go on sale on April 1 from Ticket Centre, Candleriggs and Ticket Line (0141-227 5511)*

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THEATRE: Danish pseuds cornered in NW3; rhyme without reason ruins Molière's poetry

Episodes in search of a story

Morning and Evening
Hampstead

(From left) Alex Kingston, Reece Dinsdale, Jonathan Cullen and Helen Baxendale. Drawing by Bill Hewison

The second half of Astrid Saalbach's intriguing if unexciting play consists of a dinner party that would seem odd if it were held on Glastonbury Tor instead of in the garden of a townhouse in Scandinavia. The dawn chorus begins about midnight. The stars vanish while a drunken guest reels about enjoining God to switch them back on. Then the city falls deathly quiet; a child comes in to confide that she has met an angel; and a desolate wind, as from Revelations or that part of the BBC archives where H-bomb effects are filed, adds to the impression that these people are, as one half-jokily claims, "the last on earth".

We have had several plays with an end-of-millennium feel from Brad Fraser, Tony Kushner and other North Americans. This comes from Denmark and, although it too is written in episodic style, it is much milder stuff. Imagine a collaboration between Alan Ayckbourn and Marguerite Duras, with bits of metaphysic from Beckett, and you have some sense of a play unlikely to take London by storm but unusual enough to merit its NW3 slot.

Some will find its format pretentious, and with reason. Until the appearance of Robert Jones's gorgeously lush patio in Act II, the piece is set in a blue-and-gold proscenium with, if I mistake not, our own nation's arms on its arch. Here occur brief confrontations announced by glimmering scrolls as "morning scene" or "intermezzo". If all this is Saalbach's attempt to add stature to what might otherwise seem random encounters, it is neither successful nor necessary, for she is quite capable of writing good, pointed dialogue on her own.

In one "morning scene" a young man prepares to wed a bride suffering from a killer disease. Then an apologetic, self-hating and probably suicidal man, fleeing a failed marriage, appears at the flat of the girlfriend he once violently abused.

Then it's back to the aftermath of scene one, with the minister who married the lovers comforting a neurotic parishioner, and so to what the programme misspells as "intermezzoes". A woman terrifies a beggar by giving her money in exchange for a blessing; a man sees a shooting star but can't think of a wish; a couple enviously inspect a grand house they can't afford to buy. It is beginning to add up to a bad case of the Danish blues, a mix of hope, frustration, confusion, illness and desperation.

In the second half the diagnosis is complete. Most of the couples round the table have what one might call Ayckbournian relationships but display them more overtly ("You're an emotional cripple"; "I hate you"; "Yes, and I hate you") than the sage of Scarborough usually permits. At their head, controlling without understanding them, is a Danish politician who combines the self-effacing modesty of Baroness Thatcher with the shrinking sensitivity of Dickens's Mrs Jellaby, who "devoted herself to public duty at the expense of her home".

Polly Adams, sublimely smug, resists the invitation to find a little insecurity in this role, but the rest of John Dove's cast cannot be faulted. Alex Kingston, Selina Cadell, Reece Dinsdale, Jonathan Cullen, Helen Baxendale: all play three or four characters and sketch them in as completely as time and a laconically apocalyptic author allow.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Fool of sound and fury

The School for Wives
Riverside, W6

ONE of two English Touring Theatre productions on the road, this energetic Molière is near the end of its travels, and when Ben Ormerod's ironic "happy end" music wafts the young lovers into wedded bliss for the last time next week I should not be surprised to learn that David Gant has lost a stone in weight.

Gant plays Arnolphe, the elderly, unattractive guardian of innocent Agnès, reared in total seclusion so that she will make him a fittingly subservient wife. He appears to have taken for his character note the woeful cry Arnolphe utters in the middle of the play when his carefully laid plans are rearing up and bashing him in the face. "I can't keep still!" he exclaims, but this is no news to us. He hasn't been still since the play began.

His is a performance from the school for over-emphasis. His fingers flutter, they pound the air, clutch at his chest. His jaw juts, his lips snarl; he seethes. Arnolphe is certainly a man sorely tried by Fate, for Molière's happy invention is to have Horace, the youth in love with Agnès, make him his confidant without realising he is his rival. Arnolphe must feign patient attention while rage and jealousy curdle his vitals. But by pitching his performance at Force Eight from the start Gant gives himself nowhere to climb thereafter — though the character abruptly becomes interesting again near the end when Gant calms down.

This serious misjudgment spoils Stephen Unwin's production because Arnolphe is on stage emoting like fury for the greater part of the two hours. His servants follow a similar pattern of always jerking their bodies about before uttering, but we have learnt to accept zany behaviour in French domestics of the period, and they frequently disappear to go shopping.

But all round Gant and his underlings the acting is attractive, with Faith Flint offering a delightfully innocent Agnès. On her sweet doll's face is an almost permanently anxious mouth, and she has a disarming way of keeping her gaze dutifully fixed on her ogre-guardian's eyes. Skewed awkwardly on a chair, her attitude combines the slump of dejection with the habit of unfailing obedience.

Ben Porter combines Horace's rapture and despair with comic exuberance, and Chris Tranchell, as Arnolphe's friend Chrysalde, has a nice moment praising the comforts of cuckoldom. Jackie Brooks's design isolates Agnès's red-walled home-cum-prison centre-stage, like a faintly sinister doll's house, and Kenneth McLeish's verse translation neatly varies short lines — "Thick as two planks? No, thanks" — within an artfully delayed rhyme structure. But at the heart of it all is a whirling dervish of an Arnolphe, and that's a pity.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

CHERYOMUSHKI: Pimlico Opera's production of Shostakovich's operetta was last autumn's operatic "sleeper", so back it comes for another run. Shostakovich's catchy tunes are a delight and there are added bonuses in David Pountney's witty translation and Gerard McBurney's re-orchestration.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm, opens Mar 28. Until Apr 8. ♿

MUSIC AROUND TOWN. Andrew Watkinson and the **City of London Sinfonia** start today's programmes with a free lunchtime concert of works from Britten, John Woolrich, Robin Orr and Vaughan Williams. This evening, Michael Tilson Thomas opens Part Two of his Mahler Festival with the **London Symphony Orchestra** at the Barbican: the performance includes Mahler's Symphony No 6 in A minor and the UK premiere of Schnittke's Concerto Grosso No 5. Meanwhile, Andrew Davis and the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** continue their tribute to Messiaen at the South Bank (*Cinq Rechants* and *Turangalila*).
St Katherine Cree, Leadenhall Street, 1pm. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 ♿ (0171-638 8891), 7.30pm. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 ♿ (0171-928 8800), 7.30pm.

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company continues its spring season lineup of Galina Samsova's staging of *Giselle* teamed with a programme of Ashton's *Tweedledum and Tweedledee*, the lakeside scene from *Swan Lake*, David Lichine's *Graduation Ball* and a selection of showpiece duets.
Hawth, Hawth Avenue, Crawley (01293 553636). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat today and Sat, 2.30pm. ♿

ELSEWHERE

POOLE: Andrew Litton returns to the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** as both conductor and soloist for a three-night programme of Ravel's *La Valse* and Piano Concerto in G and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5 in D minor.
Wessex Hall, Arts Centre ♿ (01202 685222). Tomorrow in **Bristol**, Colston Hall ♿ (0117 9223682) and Fri in **Plymouth**, Pavilions ♿ (0752 222200). All at 7.30pm

CARDIFF: The Touring Partnership's second production is **Peace in Our Time**, a rare revival of Coward's 1946 drama, imagining a Britain conquered by the Nazis. Wyn Jones directs the 30-strong cast.
New, Park Place (0222 394844). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. ♿

EDINBURGH: Artistic director Galina Samsova and designer Jasper Conran add their own style and glamour to the original choreography for **Scottish Ballet**'s new production of *Swan Lake*. Not to be missed.
Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm ♿

LEICESTER: Paul Kerryson directs Kathryn Evans in the title role of Pam Gems's powerful stage-bio **Piaf**.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116 252 9797). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 15

WATFORD: Opening night too for the world premiere of Sharman Macdonald's **Borders of Paradise**, exploring the romantic yearnings of late adolescence. Two girls on a cliff gaze down at boys surfing; Lou Stein directs.
Palace, Clarendon Road (01923 225671). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
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◩ **AGAMEMNON'S CHILDREN.** Excellent staging by Laurence Boswell of three Euripides dramas. Strong performances in Kenneth McLeish's colloquial translation. Tonight, *Electra* or *Orestes* or *Iphegenaia*.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Individual plays Mon-Tue, Thurs-Fri, 7.30pm. Trilogy Wed and Sat, except Mar 27 and 31. Until Apr 1.

◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN':** Exhileratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **BROKEN GLASS:** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ♿

☐ **BURNING BLUE:** Strong and moving play by former fighter pilot D.M.W. Greer about friendship, doomed gay love and a witch hunt in the US Navy. John T. Hickok directs.
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

☐ **CELL MATES:** Rik Mayall and now Simon Ward play Bourke and Blake, in Simon Gray's disappointing play. Mayall has some good moments.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats today 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Final week.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE:** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK.** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ ***THE LIVE BED SHOW***. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed in Arthur Smith's comedy.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm

■ **UGANDA.** Judith Johnson's new play, directed by Polly Teale, tracing the friendship that grows between a grieving widower and his daughter's Asian boyfriend.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 2554). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Final week

☐ **WHAT THE BUTLER SAW:** Joe Orton's farcical Freudian nightmare engagingly revived with John Alderton, Nicola Pagett and a rather too Muldrewish Richard Wilson.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 2.15 and 7.30pm ♿

◩ ***ZORRO — THE MUSICAL:*** The masked swashbuckler rights wrongs, defies gravity and gives the audience a great time in Ken Hill's show. Final week.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Tonight, 8pm. ♿

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

EDEN VALLEY (15): A father, a son, and harness racing. Raw slice of life from north-east England and the Amber Films collective.
ICA Cinematheque (0171-930 3647)

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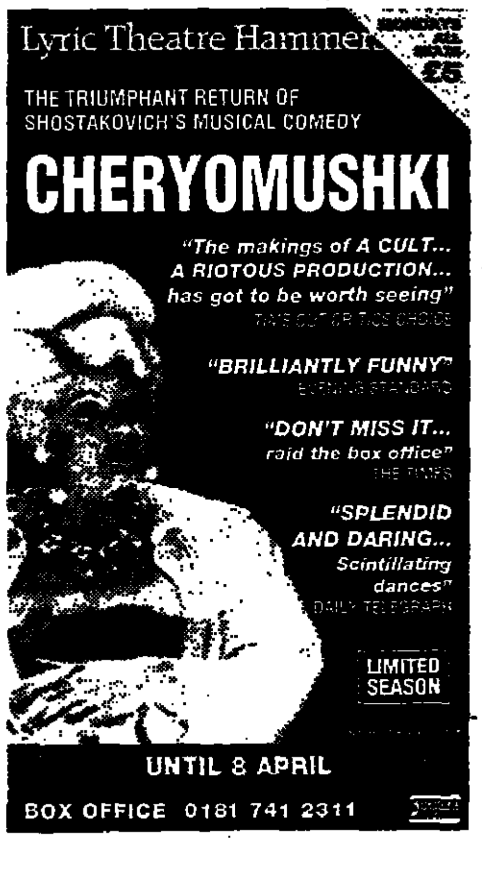

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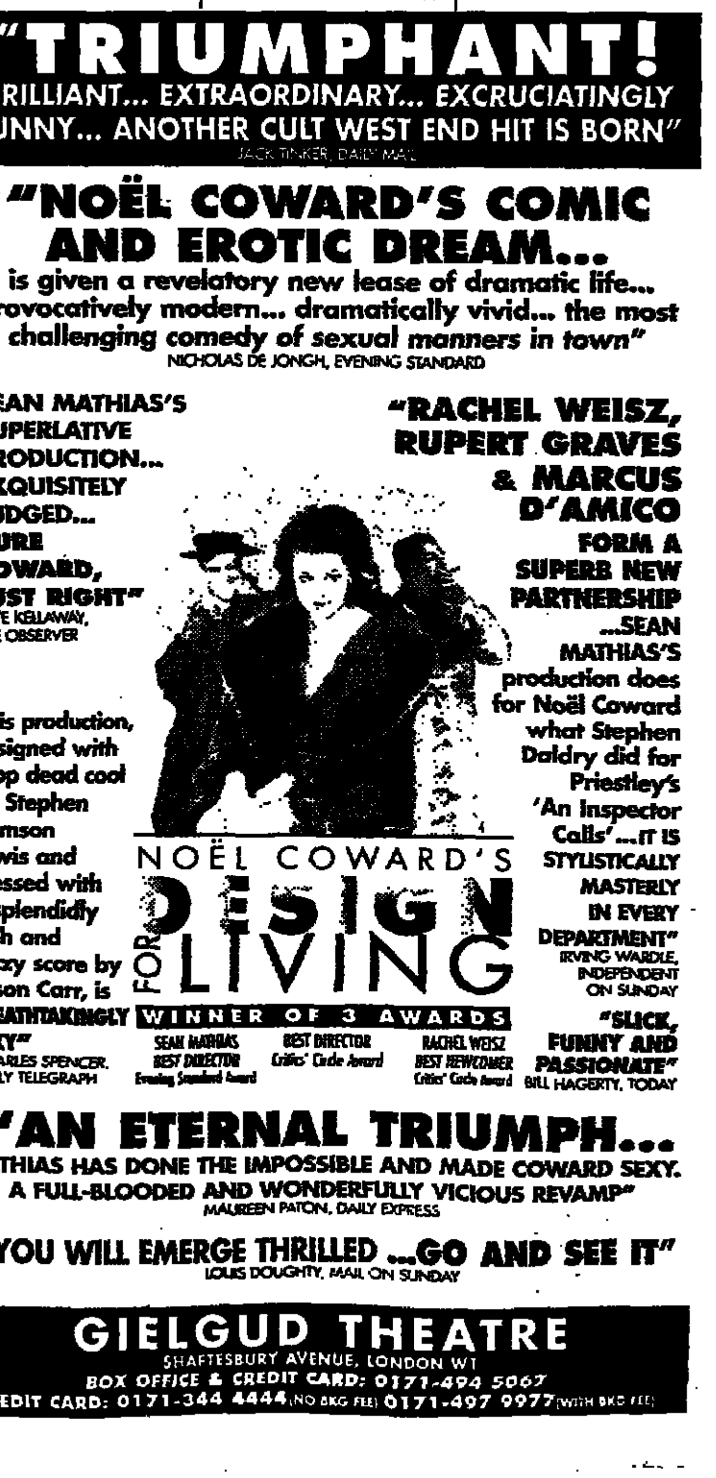

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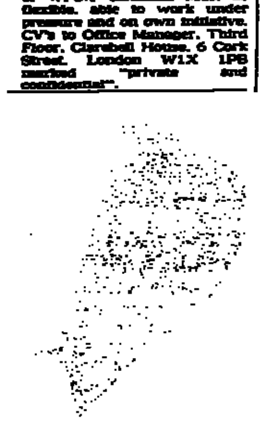

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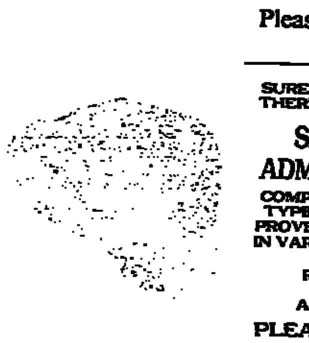

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Pennekamp primed for Guineas clash with Celtic Swing

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN DUBAI

PENNEKAMP, the Shaikh Mohammed-owned winner of last season's Dewhurst Stakes, is being prepared for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in May when he is likely to oppose Celtic Swing, the outstanding two-year-old of 1994.

The prospect of such a scintillating clash comes as something of a surprise because the original plan for Pennekamp, trained at Chantilly by André Fabre, had been the French 2,000 Guineas before being aimed for the *Vodafone Derby* at Epsom.

Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Shaikh Mohammed, revealed here yesterday that Pennekamp will run in the Prix Djebel over 6½ furlongs at Evry on April 15 and, if all goes well, the son of Bering will then go to Newmarket.

"The 6½ furlongs is a little bit short, but it gives us three weeks to the English Guineas, which is a big advantage as opposed to the Craven and the English trials which are only two weeks before the classics," he said.

Fabre believes the sharper trip at Evry will help to inject extra speed into his unbeaten colt, who is now 5-1 second favourite with Ladbrokes behind the Peter Savill-owned Celtic Swing, a 7-4 shot.

The connections of Pennekamp are hopeful that the contrasting running styles of the two market leaders could work to their advantage. Celtic Swing prefers to bowl along near the lead, while Pennekamp tends to sit in behind the front runners before delivering his challenge with a potent turn of foot.

"When he won the Dewhurst he quickened off a fast pace and most Guineas are run at an extremely fast pace. Celtic Swing is likely to ensure a fast pace and that will suit Pennekamp," Stroud added.

Fabre, the outstanding Flat trainer in Europe, is on record as saying that Pennekamp offers him the best chance of winning the Derby at Epsom, one of the few classic races in Europe to have eluded him. Significantly, of the 15 classics in Britain, Ireland and France, only the English 2,000 Guineas, the Derby at Epsom and the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) remain to be won by horses owned by Shaikh Mohammed.

The likelihood of Pennekamp lining up alongside Celtic Swing at Newmarket will come as something of a relief to bookmakers. Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes explained: "It is a tremendous boost to the market which was in danger of dying given Celtic Swing's prominence in the betting."

While the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket is a realistic target for Pennekamp, I sense the Derby remains the outstanding objective, for which the bargain purchase — $40,000 as a yearling — is 7-1 with Ladbrokes with Celtic Swing on offer at 3-1.

Carnegie, the Fabre-trained winner of last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, is reported to have done well physically during the winter and is likely to go for the group one Prix Ganay before being aimed at the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, the Arc and the Breeders' Cup.

Diffident, unbeaten in two starts, both at Evry, will make his seasonal reappearance in the Free Handicap at Newmarket and could be a possibility for the 2,000 Guineas, although there are fears about his stamina.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TEJANO GOLD
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(4.30 Exeter)

Record jackpot moves on to Exeter

TOTE officials expect another record jackpot pool of around £1.6 million after a series of surprise results at Stratford yesterday.

Lord Wyatt, the Tote chairman, will be on hand at Exeter today when punters face a difficult task as they chase a pot swollen by a carry-over of £1,127,824.05. The previous best total was just over £704,000, set at Newmarket's Houghton meeting last year.

Only 30p was left unscathed in the gigantic pool after the fourth race at Stratford and that was lost when Storm Falcon unshipped Jamie Osborne at the fifth fence of the fifth leg, the Richardson Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase.

The Tote marketing director, Peter Dow, said yesterday: "The best educated guess here is that the pool tomorrow will be between £1.5 and £1.6 million. There was £12,808 left after the first leg, £97.53 after the second race, £2.90 after the third and just 30p after the fourth."

The main culprit for scuppering the hopes of thousands of jackpot punters was the Japanese champion jockey, Kazuya Nakatake, who eliminated most of the remaining tickets when steering home the 25-1 shot Fred's Delight in the Richardsons Development Selling Hurdle.

Nakatake, 30, made all the running on the Mikey Heaton-Ellis-trained gelding to hold off Early To Rise in a close finish by a head.

Having enjoyed 137 successes in his homeland, Nakatake is no stranger to the winner's circle and he said: "I am very happy and I've enjoyed myself very much. The fences and courses in England are different, but the feeling as a jockey is just the same. I would like to come back to England sometime."

Earlier, Twice The Groom's 14-1 victory for Richard Lee in the opening Richardsons Oldbury Novices' Hurdle had done jackpot hunters few favours as he got the better of the favourite, Stoney Valley.

However, if the one punter remaining had survived Storm Falcon's debacle, his three choices in the last race were all beaten behind the 20-1 outsider Apsimore.

The 2,000 Tote direct terminals took more than £440,000 of the pool, with £27,713 invested at Stratford and £21,128 at Fontwell.

JULIAN HERBERT

Ilewin provides his rider, Maurice Ahern, with his first training success in his dual role at Fontwell yesterday

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2.00 River Consort
2.30 Myhamet
3.00 Titan Empress
3.30 Smartie Express
4.00 Dubit
4.30 Beyond Our Reach

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES) SIS

2.00 ROBERT WEBB TRAVEL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£2,304: 2m 2f) (18 runners)

101	45-03	ELECTROLYTE 9 (Freemount Partnership) B Palling 5-11-5	Richard Guest	80
102	P-PP	FITZROY LAD 189 (N Burd) R Baker 5-11-5	B Powell	–
103	80455-P	PALACE PARADE 21 (Miss J Monk) N Ayliffe 5-11-5	Mr R White (7)	[illegible]
104	P	POOH STICK 13 (D Mutton) R Frost 5-11-5	J Frost	–
105	454/2-50	RIVER CONSORT 27 (H Richards) A Dunn 7-11-5	Peter Hobbs	91
106	P25-0FP	TULLYKYNE BELLS 37 (L Snook) L Snook 6-11-5	W McFarland	85
107	4-U	TWISTED BAR 100 (Mrs A Frank) P Hobbs 7-11-5	G Tormey (5)	–
108	0-63P0	WAIPIRO 20 (B Ross) Mrs S Williams 5-11-5	S Lyons (3)	–
109	00-0	BETTY'S MATCH 195 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 6-11-0	Mr G Shenkin (7)	–
110	04UP/P0	BOLT OF GOLD 37 (Mrs J Waring) L Waring 7-11-0	Miss S Mitchell (7)	–
111	4F00-26	COLETTE'S CHOICE 13 (J Cooper) G Ham 6-11-0	D Fortt (5)	93
112	3-44P	COXWELL QUICK STEP 65 (M Allsopp) Miss H Knight 6-11-0	J Osborne	–
113	P	DESIRABLE MISS 9 (J Cairns) Mrs A Knight 5-11-0	S Burrough	–
114	056F3	DRAGONS LADY 37 (Mrs D Vaughan) B De Haan 6-11-0	I Lawrence	85
115	0-F5600	SHE KNEW THE RULES 37 (D Carey) D Carey 5-11-0	P McLoughlin (3)	–
116	334-040	SOUL TRADER 48 (G Hackling) N Babbage 6-11-0	Philip Hughes (7)	96
117	562044	SPIRIT LEVEL 8 (J Payne) J Payne 7-11-0	Mr R Payne	94
118	06	MAID EQUAL 43 (H Kirpalani) M Pipe 4-10-6	R Dunwoody	–

BETTING: 3-1 Maid Equal, 6-1 River Consort, 7-1 Colette's Choice, 8-1 Dragons Lady, 10-1 Coxwell Quick Step, Twisted Bar, 12-1 others.

1994: KNYAZ 4-10-4 Mr L Jefford (7-2) L Cottrell 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELECTROLYTE 7½l 3rd of 10 to War Well in selling hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft) with DESIRABLE MISS pulled up 2 out. RIVER CONSORT 11½l 5th of 20 to Daily Sport Girl in selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
COLETTE'S CHOICE 6l 2nd of 17 to Mistress Rosie in claiming maiden hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start, with DRAGONS LADY (4lb worse off) 3½l 3rd, SHE KNEW THE RULES (2lb worse off) 72½l 7th, BOLT OF GOLD 35l 8th and TULLYKYNE BELLS (1lb better off) pulled up before 8th. COXWELL QUICK STEP 18½l 4th of 9 to Jultara in National Hunt Flat race at Towcester (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. SOUL TRADER about 3l 4th of 12 to Luks Akura in selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start, with SHE KNEW THE RULES (9lb worse off) 27l 6th, DRAGONS LADY (9lb worse off) fell 2 out and BOLT OF GOLD (9lb worse off) pulled up after 7th. MAID EQUAL 14½l 6th of 24 to Oh So Bright in National Hunt Flat race at Warwick (2m, soft).
Selection: COLETTE'S CHOICE

2.30 DIAMOND EDGE CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,832: 2m 7f 110yd) (8 runners)

201	UF6/PF2	TERAO 14 (S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 9-12-0	R Dunwoody	88
202	23-20F4	MYHAMET 13 (G,S) (Superseal Racing) P Hobbs 8-11-4	Peter Hobbs	80
203	PP-P216	MAXXUM EXPRESS 12 (S) (L Garrett Racing) G Balding 7-10-8	Richard Guest	92
204	P53130	SUNSET AGAIN 41 (F,S) (J Hooper) P Richards 10-10-7	S Fox (5)	98
205	05-304F	DIVINE CHANCE 14 (B,S) (R Morris-Adams) N Gaselee 7-10-7	J Osborne	88
206	PP40PP-	BRORA ROSE 307 (B,S) (D Hooper) P Rodford 7-10-0	S Burrough	82
207	/P4/P3P	FIRST DESIGN 27 (G) (P Jones) P Jones 8-10-0	Mr J Culloty (7)	[illegible]
208	00-5PPP	I'M IN CLOVER 13 (D Pepplatt) T Thomson Jones 6-10-0	B Powell	–

Long handicap: Brora Rose 9-3, First Design 9-2, I'm in Clover 8-6

BETTING: 6-4 Terao, 2-1 Myhamet, 5-1 Divine Chance, 7-1 Maxxum Express, 10-1 Sunset Again, 16-1 First Design, 25-1 others.

1994: KIWI VELOCITY 7-11-7 L Harvey (7-1) P Hobbs 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TERAO 6l 2nd of 5 to Full Of Oats in novice chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, soft) with DIVINE CHANCE (21lb better off) fell 6th. MYHAMET about 6¾l 4th of 10 to Truth Be Told in novice chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, soft) with I'M IN CLOVER (18lb better off) pulled up before 13th.
MAXXUM EXPRESS beat Positive Influence 4l in 7-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start.
SUNSET AGAIN 4l 3rd of 9 to Jurassic Classic in novice handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. DIVINE CHANCE 13¼l 4th of 16 to Dolly Oats in novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. FIRST DESIGN 18l 3rd of 8 to Greenhil Tare Away in novice chase over course and distance (heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: TERAO (nap)

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3.00 EXETER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,363: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

301	U20-RU1	RUFUS 7 (B,S) (Mrs D Coleman) B Smart 9-12-1 (5ex)	W McFarland	90
302	13-42PP	DERRYMOSS 20 (V,C,S) (Mrs J Watts) M Pipe 9-12-0	J Lower	83
303	30210/F-	TOP JAVALIN 516 (S) (Mrs J Reip) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-12	A Tory	–
304	030P52	MISS PURBECK 11 (C,G,S) (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 8-11-7	S Fox (5)	[illegible]
305	521/20-	ASWAMEDH 446 (B) (Mrs M Hill) P Hobbs 7-11-6	G Tormey (5)	84
306	31060-3	ST VILLE 13 (G,S) (Metplash Racing) R Buckler 9-11-2	B Powell	94
307	21/60/0	GIPSY DAWN 20 (G,S) (The Hurdles, Droxford) C Barwell 9-10-13	B Clifford	–
308	F/P6-PPP	CHIP AND RUN 9 (F,G) (C Murphy) Mrs J Retter 9-10-9	S Burrough	–
309	414-325	BOOGIE BOPPER 22 (V,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 6-10-5	R Dunwoody	85
310	100103	TITAN EMPRESS 13 (S) (T J Syder) S Mellor 6-10-0	M Perrett	87
311	646P05	GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 18 (B,S) (Brockley BA) G Ham 10-10-0	Miss S Mitchell (7)	82
312	FPPRUP	ANSTEY GADABOUT 13 (G) (D Bassett) D Bassett 9-10-0	Mr N Harris	–

Long handicap: Titan Empress 9-13, George Buckingham 9-1, Anstey Gadabout 8-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Rufus, 5-1 Derrymoss, Miss Purbeck, 7-1 Boogie Bopper, 8-1 Top Javalin, St Ville, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RUFUS beat Pollerton's Pride 4l in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (3m 4f, soft). DERRYMOSS best recent effort 15l 2nd of 8 to Romany Creek in novice chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good). TOP JAVALIN best effort beat Glebelands Girl 12l in 15-runner handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, soft) March 1993. MISS PURBECK 15l 2nd of 7 to Miss Impunity in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). ST VILLE 8½l 3rd of 13 to Prince Teeton in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, soft). BOOGIE BOPPER ¾l 2nd of 11 to Villa Park in selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft) on penultimate start. TITAN EMPRESS best recent effort beat Bickerman head in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: RUFUS

3.30 HEAVITREE BREWERY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£6,992: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

401	45-4313	YOUNG SNUGFIT 96 (F,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) O Sherwood 11-12-0	J A McCarthy	93
402	P/4P-463	YOUNG POKEY 116 (F,G) (O Sherwood) O Sherwood 10-11-0	M Richards	[illegible]
403	1323-52	SMARTIE EXPRESS 11 (BF,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 13-10-13	R Dunwoody	94
404	0-23552	LACKENDARA 28 (F,G,S) (Opening Bid Partnership) Miss H Knight 8-10-4	J Osborne	97
405	426311	SAILORS LUCK 4 (G,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 10-10-3 (5ex)	E Murphy	97
406	111-633	SARTORIUS 41 (D,F,G,S) (M Popham) T Thomson Jones 9-10-2	B Powell	96
407	1/3/F4U	TREVAYLOR 4 (C,G,S) (G Noye) P Hobbs 11-10-0	G Tormey (5)	–

Long handicap: Trevaylor 9-7

BETTING: 5-2 Young Snugfit, 7-2 Sailors Luck, 4-1 Lackendara, 5-1 Smartie Express, 6-1 Trevaylor, 8-1 others.

1994: BROUGHTON MANOR 9-11-5 M A Fitzgerald (2-1) Mrs J Retter 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SNUGFIT beat What's In Orbit 1l in handicap chase at Aintree (2m 1f 110yd, good). YOUNG POKEY 16l 3rd of 5 to Dr Rocket in handicap chase at Warwick (2m, good to soft). SMARTIE EXPRESS 1½l 2nd of 3 to Eastshaw in amateurs handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). LACKENDARA ½l 2nd to Big Matt in handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). SAILORS LUCK beat I Have Him 10l in handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft) with TREVAYLOR unseated rider 3 out. SARTORIUS 5l 3rd to Kibreet in handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good), SAILORS LUCK (9lb worse off) 31½l 6th.
Selection: LACKENDARA

4.00 ROBERT WEBB TRAVEL HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,245: 3m 2f) (16 runners)

501	2-3F11	MR MURDOCK 13 (F,G,S) (B Netley) H Wellstead 10-12-10	P Henley (7)	[illegible]
502	F5-P6	RANDOM PLACE 17P (D,G,S) (I Pocock) Mrs R Pocock 13-12-10	I Pocock (7)	82
503	PP6P-	BINCOMBE TOP 4P (F,G) (W Hayes) Mrs J Hayes 11-12-3	L Jefford (7)	–
504	123-P	BUZZ O'THE CROWD 21 (S) (Mrs C Handel) Miss A Handel 8-12-3	Miss A Handel (7)	–
505	-PPPP	CHAT-A-LONG 10P (F,S) (E Wonnacott) E Wonnacott 9-12-3	A Wonnacott (7)	–
506	PPP1-	CORNISH WAYS 5P (G) (R Lane) R Lane 7-12-3	Miss S Young (7)	–
507	242-2	DUBIT 17P (S) (R Winslade) R Winslade 10-12-3	Miss S Vickery (7)	88
508	331-1	EXPRESSMENT 24P (G,S) (Miss A Ross) Miss A Ross 11-12-3	I Widdicombe (7)	–
509	FP/4P	MANHATTAN CHASE 17P (S) Miss N Courtenay 12-12-3	D Alers-Hankey (7)	–
510	P40-4	MORE MANNERS 17P (S) (Mrs J Forbes-Wood) Miss M Bragg 10-12-3	J Culloty (7)	–
511	1-542	ONEOVERTHEIGHT 24P (G) (Mrs C Rhodes) Ms D Cole 10-12-3	N Harris (7)	–
512	2-212	SORREL HILL 24P (G,S) (C Vicary) Mrs R Vickery 8-12-3	R White (7)	–
513	-P223	WHEAL PROSPER 11P (B,F,G,S) Mrs D Schilling 10-12-3	R Hubbard (7)	–
514	11-11	BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 11P (C,F,G,S) (R Darke) Mrs M Darke 9-11-12	R Darke (7)	84
515	31-14	LITTLE COOMBE 24P (G,S) (M Wilkins) E Wonnacott 9-11-12	–	–
516	33P-3	UPHAM CLOSE 13 (F,G,S) (R Hand) Mrs M Hand 9-11-12	Mrs A Hand (7)	85

BETTING: 9-4 Mr Murdock, 3-1 Bluechipenterprise, 5-1 Sorrel Hill, Upham Close, 10-1 Little Combe, 12-1 others

1994: SAMS HERITAGE 10-11-10 J M Pritchard (10-1) P Warner 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR MURDOCK beat Sonofagipsy 4l in hunter chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft) with UPHAM CLOSE 1½l 3rd. BUZZ O'THE CROWD 22l 3rd to Faithful Star in confined at Stallenge Thorne (3m, good). DUBIT short-head 2nd of 16 to Winnie Lorraine in maiden hunter chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm) in May 1994. EXPRESSMENT beat SORREL HILL 3l in confined at Bishops Court (soft) with LITTLE COOMBE 30l 4th. ONEOVERTHEIGHT 2l 2nd of 5 to Kaloore in restricted at Bishops Court (soft) with CHAT-A-LONG pulled up. WHEAL PROSPER 4l 2nd of 7 to Bye Bye Baby in hunt at Charing (3m, good to soft). BLUECHIPENTERPRISE beat Ask Frank 3l in 7-runner open at Haldon (3m, heavy).
Selection: BLUECHIPENTERPRISE

4.30 ROBERT WEBB TRAVEL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,363: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

601	43F453	GROUND NUT 13 (S) (Mrs R Haskins) R Buckler 5-12-0	G Supple (7)	97
602	5-P6132	BEYOND OUR REACH 20 (G,S) (Hunt & Co Ltd) R Hodges 7-11-2	Miss P Curling	[illegible]
603	542646	RICH LIFE 100 (D,G) (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 5-11-2	M Perrett	98
604	P22-UPP	IN THE NAVY 104 (F,G) (Sir Fitzroy Talbot) R Buckler 9-10-10	B Powell	–
605	500-144	PONGO WARING 16 (CD,G) (Mrs J Peatherer) Miss H Knight 6-10-6	J Osborne	97
606	R1-P0R0	GREEN ISLAND 98 (CD,F,G,S) (J Moloney) A Dunn 9-10-5	Peter Hobbs	–
607	311524	CHICKABIDDY 98 (CD,F,G) (G Edwards) G Edwards 7-10-3	A P McCoy	95
608	3P-F65P	CELCIUS 21 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 11-10-1	O Burrows (7)	84
609	306	SKY BURST 13 (Mrs D Jenks) L Cottrell 5-10-0	P McLoughlin (3)	88
610	54/PPP	FOUJITA 7 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Jacobs) S Jacobs 10-10-0	D Morris	–
611	10-PP4P	ALDAHE 9 (V,F,G,S) (M Hoslon) B Millman 10-10-0	D Salter (5)	64

Long handicap: Sky Burst 9-7, Foujita 9-7, Aldahe 8-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Beyond Our Reach, 4-1 Chickabiddy, 5-1 Ground Nut, Pongo Waring, 10-1 Sky Burst, 12-1 others.

1994: THE GREEN ISLAND 8-11-7 Peter Hobbs (5-1) A Dunn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GROUND NUT 13l 3rd to Jurz in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (3m, soft). BEYOND OUR REACH 9l 2nd of 18 to Doualago in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). RICH LIFE 10l 4th to Star Player in handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. PONGO WARING best effort this season, beat Crane Hill 1l in novice hurdle over course and distance (good). CHICKABIDDY beat Beam Me Up Scotty 2l in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with GREEN ISLAND (16lb better off) 29l 9th. SKY BURST best effort this season, 3¾l 3rd to Sir Fry in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: PONGO WARING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Miss H Knight	13	34	38.2	J A McCarthy	4	6	66.7
M Pipe	81	264	30.7	J Osborne	14	53	26.4
O Sherwood	4	16	25.0	J Lower	6	23	26.1
P Murphy	3	12	25.0	R Dunwoody	29	127	22.8
T Thomson Jones	4	17	23.5	Peter Hobbs	16	81	19.8
A Dunn	5	23	21.7	B Clifford	7	40	17.5

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First for Ahern

THERE were mixed feelings for Maurice Ahern at Fontwell yesterday after Ilewin had provided him with a first success as a trainer.

Ahern, 27, rode Ilewin himself but was subsequently banned for two days (March 30-31) for using his whip with

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.20 (3m hdle) 1, *Provence* (T Reed, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, South Westerly (9-2); 3, Peter (10-1). Hagar 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Nawrik, Stolamatique, Uncle Keeny. 2l, ½l. L Lungo. Tote: £4.80; £1.20, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £16.20. Trio: £32.80. CSF: £17.88. Tricast: £117.50.

2.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Toll Booth (B Harding, 11-4); 2, Trecento (5-1); 3, Familiar Art (Evens fav). 9 ran. NR: Brilliant Disguise. 1½l, 2½l. J Hope. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £10.40. CSF: £16.73.

3.20 (3m ch) 1, Mullingar (A Dobbin, 25-1); 2, Grace Card (9-4); 3, Russian Castle (16-1). Leading Prospect Evens fav. 8 ran. NR: Sheelin Lad, Willubelong. 2½l, 20l. J Charlton. Tote: £18.30; £2.30, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £24.80. CSF: £76.69.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Cash Chase (M Brennan, 9-4); 2, Welshman (8-1); 3, Couture Stockings (2-1 fav). 6 ran. NR: Northumbrian King, Sacre D'Or. Hd, ¾l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £12.00. CSF: £16.59. Tricast: £30.16.

4.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Deep Decision (R Supple, 6-1); 2, Mr Woodcock (8-13 fav); 3, Houghton (5-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 2l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £8.70; £2.90, £1.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £10.13.

4.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Wise Advice (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Speaker Weatherill (2-1 fav); 3, Just Supposen (8-1). 18 ran. NR: Forbidden Time, Gorby's Myth, Mister Trick. 2l, 3½l. M Hammond. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £12.40. CSF: £24.27.

5.20 (3m ch) 1, Persian House (M Dwyer, 15-2); 2, Majic Rain (11-2); 3, All's Alibi (5-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Sky Range, Invasion, Zam Bee. 4l, 5l. J Jefferson. Tote: £6.70; £3.00, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £34.70. Trio: £23.50. CSF: £45.33. Tricast: £77.75.

Placepot: £128.40. Quadpot: not won (pool of £62.80 carried forward to Exeter today).

Stratford

Going: good to soft

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Twice The Groom (P McLoughlin, 14-1); 2, Stoney Valley (5-2 fav); 3, Spanish Refuge (9-1). 17 ran. 2l, 15l. R Lee. Tote: £38.40; £6.60, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £48.80. CSF: £45.53.

2.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Fred's Delight (K Nakatake, 25-1); 2, Early To Rise (8-1); 3, Pulmicort (3-1). Scoffera 11-4 fav. 13 ran. Hd, 7l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £32.90; £4.80, £2.80, £1.40. DF: £251.90. CSF: £197.29.

3.10 (3m 4f ch) 1, Sheephaven (D Bridgwater, 9-1); 2, Tammy's Friend (7-2); 3, Stirrup Cup (11-2). Touch Of Winter 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 8l, 4l. T Casey. Tote: £14.50; £3.30, £2.00. DF: £19.30. CSF: £37.84.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Darren The Brave (R Greene, 9-4); 2, General Rusty (8-1); 3, Picketstone (6-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Tamar Lass. 4l, 12l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £4.60; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £9.00. CSF: £17.93.

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Llacca Sam (N Williamson, 8-1); 2, Sizzling Affair (14-1); 3, Embley Buoy (11-2). Chemin Le Roi 2-1 fav. 6 ran. 6l, dist. M Eckley. Tote: £9.20; £3.00, £3.40. DF: £31.80. CSF: £79.84.

4.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Apsimore (S McNeill, 20-1); 2, Suren (100-30); 3, Gansenc (10-1). Ankaffed 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 3l. J Tuck. Tote: £56.50; £8.50, £1.70, £5.60. DF: £84.90. Trio: £437.90. CSF: £84.69. Tricast: £670.39.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £1,127,824.05 carried forward to Exeter today).

Placepot: £1,888.30. Quadpot: not won (pool of £52.20 carried forward to Exeter today).

Fontwell Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, *Grooving* (P Hide, 13-2); 2, Hawaiian Sam (8-1); 3, Pase The Parson (4-5 fav). 14 ran. NR: My Books Are Best. 2½l, 5l. J Gifford. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £18.90. CSF: £51.43.

2.30 (2m 2f ch) 1, Dear Do (M A Fitzgerald, 3-1); 2, Handsome Ned (8-1); 3, Magsood (9-2). Rainbow Castle 7-4 fav (f). 8 ran. ½l, 20l. N Henderson. Tote: £3.70; £1.20, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £6.90. CSF: £23.86. Tricast: £94.22.

3.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ilewin (M Ahern, 13-2); 2, Delififn (9-1); 3, Myrtilla (4-1 jt-fav). The Mine Captain 4-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 6l, 7l. M Ahern. Tote: £7.30; £2.60, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £61.20. Trio: £56.80. CSF: £55.20. Tricast: £235.17.

3.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Kencelekda (A P McCoy, 6-5 fav); 2, Pennine Pass (10-1); 3, Lord Fawsley (13-8). 6 ran. 15l, 30l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.30. DF: £6.30. CSF: £11.46.

4.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, *Met Station* (Mr F Brennan, 10-1); 2, No Fizz (11-10 fav); 3, Master Shikari (50-1). 12 ran. 20l, 7l. J Boulter. Tote: £11.40; £1.90, £1.40, £5.10. DF: £12.80. CSF: £19.01.

4.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Prince Teeton (G Supple, 4-1); 2, Straight Laced (16-1); 3, Wee Windy (7-2). Jovial Man 5-2 fav. 10 ran. 1¼l, 1¼l. R Buckler. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £4.80, £1.60. DF: £48.10. Trio: £61.80. CSF: £59.46. Tricast: £227.99.

Placepot: £48.60. Quadpot: £52.20 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £56.48 carried forward to Exeter today).

☐ Richard Dunwoody went to Warwick Hospital for precautionary X-rays on his back after falling from Shimba Hills at Stratford yesterday. "I don't think it's anything serious but I wanted to get it

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THUNDERER

2.20 Il Bambino. 2.50 Elegant Friend. 3.20 Super Spell. 3.50 Veleda II. 4.20 **ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE** (nap). 4.50 Avostar. 5.20 Mellion Pride.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.20 **MELLION PRIDE.**

Brian Beel: 4.50 Avostar.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.20 NEW ZEALAND GOLF CLUB AMATEUR RIDERS SELLING HURDLE (£1,953: 2m) (8 runners)

1	P3P6	CRUNCH TIME 20 C Broad 6-11-11	A Wintle (7)	86
2	P533	IL BAMBINO 42 H Manners 7-11-11	G Brown (7)	[illegible]
3	P/F	ONLY FOR PLEASURE 27 Mrs E Heath 7-11-11	S Cowell (7)	–
4	0554	FLAPPING FREDA 9 (B) J Jenkins 7-11-6	P Graffin	94
5	0P/	HELMSLEY PALACE 46F M Muggeridge 6-11-6	P Cooper (7)	–
6	P-	SEATTLE AFFAIR 354 C Jones 5-11-6	Miss A Dudley (7)	–
7	U440	STAPLEFORD LADY 14 J Moore 7-11-6	B Pollock (7)	90
8	3100	LOOSE CHANGE 14 (V,CD,S) G L Moore 4-11-4	K Goble (7)	95

9-4 Loose Change, 3-1 Il Bambino, 7-2 Flapping Freda, 4-1 Crunch Time, 5-1 Stapleford Lady, 20-1 Helmsley Palace, 25-1 others.

2.50 LEADING ARTIST NOVICES CHASE
(£3,444: 2m 110yd) (7)

1	-1FF	WAR COUNSEL 25 (D,S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-10	D Bridgwater	90
2	P-55	COUNT BARACHOIS 9 Mrs E Heath 7-11-3	R Supple	84
3	012F	ELEGANT FRIEND 18 (G,S) M Tompkins 7-11-3	D Gallagher	–
4	4-3U	PLAYING TRUANT 53 (G) D Gandolfo 7-11-3	G Bradley	[illegible]
5	R2F0	PRINCE TINO 63 (F) N Gaselee 7-11-3	C Llewellyn	–
6	PF	COOLVAWN LADY 11 (F) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-12	M Brennan	–
7	00	TARSULA 27 J Gifford 6-10-12	P Hide	–

11-4 Prince Tino, 3-1 Elegant Friend, 7-2 Playing Truant, 5-1 War Counsel, 8-1 Coolvawn Lady, 10-1 Count Barachois, 12-1 Tarsula.

3.20 TURF CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,630: 2m 5f) (7)

1	-411	SUPER SPELL 7 (CD,S) G Ham 9-12-3 (7ex)	R Massey (5)	[illegible]
2	-001	VAYRUA 11 (G,S) J Hellens 10-11-7	A Larnach (3)	98
3	0-P3	METAL OISEAU 12 (B,C,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 7-10-13	G Bradley	90
4	-PP2	CHIEF CELT 12 (CD,G,S) J King 9-10-13	G McCourt	92
5	0062	ARTIC WINGS 29 (CD,G,S) O Brennan 7-10-5	M Brennan	94
6	4356	CAMBO 9 (B,CD,G,S) M Banks 9-10-0	D Skyrme	96
7	0-55	MR TAYLOR 12 (CD,F,S) H Collingridge 10-10-0	D Bridgwater	82

3-1 Super Spell, 7-2 Vayrua, 4-1 Artic Wings, 9-2 Metal Oiseau, Chief Celt, 12-1 Mr Taylor, 14-1 Cambo.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 4.00 Wheal Prosper. Ludlow: 4.40 Traders Choice, Wreckless Man. 5.10 Pyramis Prince.

3.50 JULIAN BELFRAGE HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,280: 3m 1f) (4)

1	0200	GAY RUFFIAN 8 (G,S) A Jarvis 9-11-10	D Gallagher	[illegible]
2	3-23	VELEDA II 13 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-7	J Burke	98
3	3F51	FAST THOUGHTS 33 (F,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-7	G Bradley	86
4	5P4F	WOODLANDS POWER 20 P Pritchard 7-10-0	R Davis	–

5-4 Veleda II, 7-4 Fast Thoughts, 9-4 Gay Ruffian, 33-1 Woodlands Power.

4.20 LE CAPRICE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 5f) (13)

1	5-31	JOLIVER 118 (S) M Pipe 7-11-13	D Bridgwater	93
2	22F5	ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 53 C Brooks 5-11-7	G Bradley	96
3	50	BLANK CHEQUE 18 M Wilkinson 5-11-7	R Supple	–
4	01-0	BLUE DOCTOR 67 (S) R Hodges 5-11-7	P Hide	–
5	25	BUCKET OF GOLD 48 N Gaselee 5-11-7	C Llewellyn	[illegible]
6	400	CADRILLON 16 T Tate 5-11-7	R Garritty	–
7	000	DEEP SONG 42 P Pritchard 5-11-7	R Davis	–
8	00/	FAMBRIDGE 711 M Tompkins 6-11-7	D Gallagher	–
9	0P	GIVE IT A WHIRL 7 J Wharton 6-11-7	B Dalton	–
10	00P	KALI SANA 8 R Allsop 7-11-7	W Marston	–
11	50	ORGAN RECITAL 29 O Brennan 6-11-7	M Brennan	–
12	0/P	THE ELOPER 9 Mrs I McKie 7-11-7	M Hourigan	–
13	06	ALLER MOOR 110 R Hodges 4-10-12	J Harris (7)	–

5-2 Joliver, 3-1 Absolutely Average, 5-1 Bucket Of Gold, 6-1 others.

4.50 IVY OPEN HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,506: 2m 6f) (5)

1	-U21	AVOSTAR 11P (C,G,S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-8	B Pollock (7)	92
2	-132	ESPY 13 (F,G,S) C Brooks 12-12-4	E James (7)	[illegible]
3	05-U	BILLHEAD 3P S Kitching 9-12-0	R Armson (7)	86
4	50-P	CLONROCHE DRILLER 25P (G,S) Miss K Bramall 10-12-0	D Parker (5)	84
5	3U-3	NICK THE BRIEF 46 (D,F,G,S) J Upson 13-12-0	S Andrews (7)	–

8-11 Avostar, 6-4 Espy, 14-1 Nick The Brief, 33-1 Billhead, Clonroche Driller.

5.20 ST JAMES'S NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,040: 2m) (9)

1	003	JACOB'S WIFE 75 J Webber 5-12-0	G McCourt	80
2	6433	RANZEL 16 (B) Mrs D Haine 5-11-13	D Bridgwater	83
3	0P30	ABAVARD 9 (S) A Forte 6-11-8	C Maude	80
4	-004	MELLION PRIDE 11 J Old 7-11-7	T Grantham	[illegible]
5	6F1P	DOCTOR DEATH 9 (V,S) M Dixon 4-11-5	D Gallagher	86
6	6/0	DELTA FOXTROT 9 M Banks 6-11-3	D Skyrme	–
7	561P	LOFTY DEED 32 (D,S) W Musson 5-11-1	G Bradley	81
8	-403	ROLLING THE BONES 11 P Felgate 6-11-0	B Dalton	81
9	P05-	SUVLA BAY 312 O Brennan 7-10-9	M Brennan	–

9-4 Mellion Pride, 11-4 Ranzel, 5-1 Jacob's Wife, 6-1 Doctor Death, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 9 winners from 15 runners, 60.0%; J Moore, 4 from 12, 33.3%; R Hodges, 6 from 23, 26.1%; O Brennan, 21 from 89, 23.6%; Mrs I McKie, 14 from 64, 21.9%.

JOCKEYS: J H Burke, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; M Brennan, 21 from 79, 26.6%; W Marston, 10 from 56, 17.9%; T Grantham, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

2.10 Desert Fighter. 2.40 Fichu. 3.10 Sheer Jest. 3.40 Ballet Royal. 4.10 Bottles. 4.40 Wreckless Man. 5.10 Just Rosie.

Brian Beel: 3.10 Sheer Jest. 4.40 Wreckless Man.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 ASTON MUNSLOW JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,556: 2m) (18 runners)

1	84P	ALLAHRAKHA 27 D R Tucker 10-12	D Leahy (3)
2	0	CONIC HILL 42 R Baker 10-12	J Railton
3	44	DANZIG ISLAND 42 W Jenks 10-12	T Jenks
4	0	DESERT FIGHTER 111 (BF) D Nicholson 10-12	A Maguire
5		DUBAI FALCON 2F R Dickin 10-12	D Meredith (3)
6	4	FLYING IMP 11 R Hollinshead 10-12	S Wynne (3)
7	4332	MAGIC JUNCTION 42 N Henderson 10-12	M A Fitzgerald
8	2346	QUASIMODO 74 Miss C Johnsey 10-12	L Harvey
9		SCHNOZZLE 165F K Bailey 10-12	N Williamson
10	03	SERIOUS DANGER 25 Miss H Knight 10-12	J F Titley
11	53	TEINEIN 13 T Forster 10-12	R Farrant
12		YOUNG CLIFFORD 305F F Jordan 10-12	J Lodder
13	P	BUSTLE'EM 14F D McCain 10-7	D McCain
14		GREGGINA 114F J Tuck 10-7	S McNeill
15	50	GUNNY'S GIRL 42 F Jordan 10-7	Mr L Squire (7)
16	0	MATHANDAN 27 R Evans 10-7	Mr R Johnson (7)
17		MILLRIDGE 152F R Lee 10-7	R Greene
18		SERAPHIC 32F B Cambidge 10-7	Gary Lyons

3-1 Teinein, 4-1 Magic Junction, 5-1 Danzig Island, 7-1 Schnozzle, 8-1 Quasimodo, 10-1 Desert Fighter, 12-1 Serious Danger, 14-1 others.

2.40 ASTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,388: 2m) (8)

1	5134	DRIVING FORCE 41 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-12-0	L Harvey
2	4411	PATS MINSTREL 14 (B,D,F,G,S) R Champion 10-11-6	A Maguire
3	5P3P	L'UOMO PIU 8 (D,F,G,S) A Barrow 11-10-13	M A Fitzgerald
4	P60F	BALLY PARSON 12 (C,G) R Dickin 9-10-5	D Meredith (3)
5	-F56	COTAPAXI 111 (D,F,G) R Hodges 10-10-3	T Dascombe (7)
6	603U	RUPPLES 12 (F,G) M Chapman 8-10-0	W Worthington
7	-544	FICHU 21 (F) G Thorner 7-10-0	N Williamson
8	5024	BOSSBURG 4 (D,S) D McCain 8-10-0	T Jenks

2-1 Driving Force, 5-2 Pats Minstrel, 7-2 Bally Parson, 7-1 L'Uomo Piu, 8-1 Cotapaxi, 10-1 Rupples, 20-1 others.

3.10 MAGNUS-ALLCROFT MEMORIAL TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,935: 3m) (7)

1	1/2-	EMRYS 600 (F) T Jones 12-12-5	Miss P Jones (5)
2	P-50	GUILDWAY 22 (F,G) Mrs M Wiles 12-12-5	M Rimell (5)
3	/40-P	ISOBAR 285P (B,D,F) M Mullineaux 9-12-5	–
4	154-	KNOCKUMSHIN 298 (CD,F,G,S) S Smith 12-12-5	R Johnson (7)
5	1-51	SHEER JEST 16 (D,F,G,S) W Warner 10-12-5	A Hill (3)
6	P-32	SONOFAGIPSY 13 (F,G) J Dufosee 11-12-5	M Felton (5)
7	2253	KERRY HILL 4 (G) R Davies 8-12-0	M Jackson (7)

1-5 Sheer Jest, 10-1 Knockumshin, 14-1 Sonofagipsy, 16-1 Emrys, 20-1 Kerry Hill, 33-1 Guildway, 50-1 Isobar.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 25 winners from 83 runners, 30.1%; N Henderson, 8 from 30, 26.7%; M Pipe, 15 from 76, 19.7%; K Bailey, 9 from 46, 19.6%; Miss H Knight, 8 from 52, 15.4%; R Hodges, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: Miss P Jones, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; M A Fitzgerald, 8 from 36, 22.2%; A Maguire, 13 from 72, 18.1%; J Railton, 7 from 42, 16.7%; N Williamson, 13 from 90, 14.4%; S

3.40 SEIFTON CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,192: 2m) (16)

1	PU01	BALLET ROYAL 8 (G,S) H Manners 6-11-12	M Appleby (7)
2	-205	PREROGATIVE 13 (V,D,S) M Pipe 5-11-9	N Williamson
3	-000	ROYAL COUP 20 T Forster 6-11-7	R Farrant
4	3/0	SLEEPLINE ROYALE 55 (CD,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-7	Mr M Rimell (5)
5	3440	QUALITAIR MEMORY 169 (D,F,G,S) A Jones 6-11-5	S McNeill
6	0-00	TTYFRAN 214 B Baugh 5-11-5	Gary Lyons
7	0000	BOXBOY 14F G Yardley 5-11-3	Mr R Johnson (7)
8	000-	SHADOWLAND 272F Graham Richards 7-11-2	M Sharratt
9	-500	EDWARD SEYMOUR 42 (CD,S) W Jenks 8-11-1	T Jenks
10	0P-0	MANDALIA MELODY 91 B Preece 5-11-1	T Wall
11	-F0U	TINA'S MISSILE 63 (B) R Lee 8-11-1	A Maguire
12	463	SCUD MISSILE 25 G Johnson Houghton 4-10-13	A Thornton
13	-000	CASTLE ROUGE 25 D McCain 6-10-12	D McCain
14	203-	MOST INTERESTING 296 (D,F,G) G Jones 10-10-12	G Hogan (5)
15	200	PASSING PLAYER 104 F Jordan 4-10-11	J Lodder
16	54P	NUIN-TARA 8 Mrs A Knight 4-10-10	D Matthews (5)

7-4 Prerogative, 3-1 Ballet Royal, 5-1 Scud Missile, 7-1 Royal Coup, 8-1 Most Interesting, 10-1 Passing Player, Sleepline Royale, 14-1 others.

4.10 DOWNTON NOVICES CHASE
(£3,420: 2m 4f) (7)

1	-112	BOTTLES 95 (F,G,S) J Banks 8-11-12	S Keightley
2	12UF	ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 68F (F,G) B Preece 7-11-3	T Wall
3	0-60	BALLYMGYR 41 S Mellor 6-11-3	N Mann
4	F5PF	KNOCK RANK 22 E Owen jun 10-11-3	A Thornton
5	32P5	MASTER'S CROWN 12 (F,G,S) M Chapman 7-11-3	W Worthington
6	00F2	ONEUPMANSHIP 20 (G,S) Mrs J R-Barons 10-11-3	R Greene
7	FP-P	PHYL'S LEGACY 166 Miss A Broyd 10-10-12	W Humphreys

4-6 Bottles, 5-2 Oneupmanship, 7-1 Aldington Chapple, 10-1 others.

4.40 OLDFIELD OPEN HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,590: 2m 4f) (13)

1	22-P1	STAR OATS 9 (G,S) N Lampard 9-12-7	C Vigors (7)
2	63-2	TRUST THE GYPSY 15 (F,G,S) J Dufosee 13-12-7	M Felton (5)
3	20F-	WONT BE GONE LONG 467 (C,D,F,G) R Waley-Cohen 13-12-7	M Waley-Cohen (7)
4	0P54	WRECKLESS MAN 33 (B,F,G,S) V Dartnall 8-12-7	G Maundrell (7)
5	RF4-	ANOTHER THOUGHT 324P (G) G Evans 10-12-0	M Harris (7)
6	PP-PP	FRAMPTON HOUSE 46P (S) A Peachey 13-12-0	R Johnson (7)
7	R-10	GOLDEN FREEZE 39P (D,G,S) Mrs A Bowlby 13-12-0	C Morlock (7)
8	506-	HARPLEY 325 (G,S) F Matthews 8-12-0	L Brown (7)
9	1/66	HILL STREET 22 (D,F,G,S) M Ashton 13-12-0	A Sansome (7)
10	0/P	I PERCEIVE 11P M Mullineaux 8-12-0	C J B Barlow (7)
11	460-	MUCH 334 Mrs A Price 8-12-0	M Jackson (7)
12	P/UF.	SHAREEF STAR 26 (S) F Matthews 7-12-0	C Stockton (7)
13	2/P2\	TRADERS CHOICE 18P (V,F) M Pepper 10-12-0	G Morrison (7)

2-1 Wont Be Gone Long, 5-2 Golden Freeze, 5-1 Wreckless Man, 7-1 Trust The Gypsy, 12-1 Traders Choice, 16-1 Harpley, Star Oats, 20-1 others.

5.10 BITTERLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,598: 2m) (12)

1	-300	NOBLELY 49F (D,F,G) N Walker 8-12-0	F Leahy (5)
2	-000	HAROLDON 13 (D,F) B Palling 6-11-4	R Farrant
3	5000	GYMCRAK STARDOM 18 (D,G,S) G Holmes 9-11-2	N Williamson
4	F130	TEJANO GOLD 11 (D,S) P Bradley 5-11-0	S Wynne (3)
5	1330	PYRAMIS PRINCE 9 (B,D,S) Miss H Knight 5-10-13	M A Fitzgerald
6	F414	KING ATHELSTAN 21 (D,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-9	A S Smith
7	2262	JUST ROSIE 11 (F,G) A Jones 6-10-8	S McNeill
8	01/	SWAHILI RUN 684 (D,F) R Simpson 7-10-8	A Maguire
9	1203	SPORTS VIEW 9 (CD,S) R Hodges 6-10-8	T Dascombe (7)
10	6001	FRANKUS 16 (D,F,G,S) S Mellor 6-10-0	N Mann
11	0350	BALAAT 63 (F) M Chapman 7-10-0	W Worthington
12	30P0	DONTDRESSFORDINNER 21 D R Tucker 5-10-0	D Leahy (3)

Graf calls for Seles to return as No 1

From Stuart Jones, Tennis Correspondent
in Key Biscayne, Florida

STEFFI GRAF yesterday lent her support to a proposal even more startling than her humiliation of Judith Wiesner in the third round of the Lipton championships here yesterday. The German said she would welcome back Monica Seles, who has been out of competitive action for two years, as the joint No 1 in the world.

Graf no longer holds the position herself and cannot do so even if she retains the title at the end of the week. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, despite her defeat in the third round, her earliest departure from a tournament for some four years, will remain at the head of the rankings. Yet Graf is re-establishing herself as the dominant force since she started her comeback from injury in Paris last month. In dismissing Wiesner in a mere 41 minutes, she maintained her record, which is as convincing as it was at this stage last year.

Results from Key Biscayne 37

In 11 matches, she has yet to drop a single set and has collected two more titles. Her superiority is again so overwhelming that the prospect of the return of her principal rival, though it continues to be enveloped in speculation, is even more appealing. Graf relishes it.

"I think it would be great for everyone to see her being able to go on court and play," Graf, who revealed that she has not been in contact with Seles for a year, said. "I hope that will happen. There have been so many rumours and I hope this one is right.

"I think she probably needs a little time to get into tournaments and into the feeling of how it is going to be to play again. We will just have to wait and see what happens but, obviously, I would love to see her at the highest level again."

Graf conceded that it would be controversial and perhaps not unanimously accepted should Seles be treated favourably. Nevertheless, she believes that the Women's Tennis Association should consider elevating the celebrated absentee immediately to her former status.

"It is going to be a very difficult decision but I definitely think that she should be ranked. Whichever decision is reached does not matter to me but I would have no problem with her being co-ranked as the No 1 if I was there myself."

Graf, who is not even the top seed here, entered the last eight with a performance which she regarded as close to perfect. "It's definitely the best match I've played for quite some time. I don't think I could play better."

At this stage last year, when she was extending an unbroken sequence more than three times as long, she was starting to tire of tennis. This year, with a far more restricted schedule because of her back trouble, she still feels refreshed. She looks virtually invincible.

She was three points away from humbling Wiesner 6-0, 6-0. She allowed her Austrian opponent, who reached the final here five years ago and is the thirteenth seed this year, the meagre compensation of one game before completing her victory.

Graf, who was joined in the last eight by her compatriot, Anke Huber, and Kimiko Date, fielded questions from the audience before she left the centre court.

The opening query was as simple to answer as had been Wiesner's shots. "What sort of animals do you like?" she was asked. As the owner of four dogs, the reply was predictable.

One giant step from lofty ambition

Stuart Jones finds the leading squash player in Britain so near yet so far from his goal

Marshall has his sights firmly set on the No 1 ranking. Photograph: Jon Hindmarch

Six years ago, Peter Marshall, having barely graduated from his father's modest squash club in the Leicestershire village of Kegworth, determined to be the best player in the world. He was 17 at the time but only one man now stands between him and the realisation of his ambition.

The prospect is still distant. So great is the lead held in the rankings by the established No 1, Jansher Khan, that he could not be deposed even if Marshall was to win every tournament over the next six months, starting with the British Open in Cardiff this week.

Nevertheless, the gap between them is narrowing and Marshall estimates that he has at least three or four years before he reaches his own peak. He seems destined to follow one of his advisers, Jonah Barrington, the last Briton to be the dominant force in squash.

Marshall is not in the habit of counting titles. He could not instantly remember, for example, when he collected his first national honour. "Let's think," he said. "It was the under-12 title and I was 11. I'm 23 so it must have been 1983."

Unlike tennis players, who pursue grand slam championships, he is more obsessed with taking over Jansher's status. "It would be easier to be a one-off world champion than to be the No 1," he said. "That means you are consistently the best player."

He has beaten Jansher a couple of times, most recently in a super league match in Bristol last month, but never in a principal event. "We generally get to the finals but he's winning them, as in the Portuguese Open [ten days ago]. I've got to beat him more often than he beats me."

Before he had become the senior champion, in 1991, he had a provisional ranking of 230. Within a couple of years he had broken into the top 20 and even he has been taken aback by his rate of progress.

With a daily schedule of at least four hours' practice, interspersed with more than 80 matches a year, he has climbed to No 2. In spite of his elevated position, he still depends on sponsorship to make "a reasonable living".

The winner of the British Open will receive no more than £9,000, but Marshall's pragmatic philosophy overcomes any envy. "We compare our game to tennis sometimes and you see what they are earning. But some sports are worse off than ours. Besides, when you start, you do it because you enjoy it, not for the money. I'm grateful that I'm paid for doing something that I enjoy."

Apart from his uncommon ability, he has attracted attention for his equally uncommon two-handed style. The reason lies in his introduction to the game by his father at the age of eight. Though keen enough to play every day, he was not strong enough to play the conventional way. The habit remains, unless he is forced to stretch on either flank, and he admits that his reach is restricted. Yet, neither his father nor Barrington has attempted to alter his style.

Marshall has not yet been afflicted by injury but, eventually, he expects "the pounding on the body to take its toll". He entered the British Open yesterday, and beat Paul Steel, a New Zealander ranked 25th. He is seeded to meet Jansher, the holder, in the final and eagerly awaits his first triumph over him in a leading event.

Jackman hindered by double helping

By Colin McQuillan

THE first British Open squash championships to be held outside England presented extraordinary images in their opening session under the sponsorship of Leekes, a department store, at the Cardiff International Arena yesterday.

Organisers opted for a double display of action with two all-Perspex demountable show courts erected front wall to front wall, two sets of the experimental three-man refereeing panels debating appeals from four players, and, on occasions, two different scoring systems operating with tins of different heights.

To give credit where it is due, Leekes mounted a splendid spectacle with a sophisticated commercial village alongside the courts, and rarely has the British Open been better clothed.

Full attention to specific action was not easy, however, and Cassandra Jackman, the England No 2, is among those who will welcome the change back to a single show court for the semi-finals on Saturday.

Jackman, ranked third in the world, approached what might have been seen as a routine first-round match against Hugoline van Hoorn, of Holland, the world No 23, in distracted mood. She lost the opening game from 6-3 up with a stream of errors, and won 6-9, 9-6, 9-0, 9-1 only after her opponent tired in the second game.

The presence of Jonah Barrington, newly elected as president of England's Squash Rackets Association but still retained by Holland as elite consultant, among the group supporting van Hoorn against Jackman added a surreal quality to an already confusing afternoon.

England's men took control of the bottom quarter of the draw. Peter Marshall, the two-fisted British champion, led the way with a straight-games win over Paul Steel, of New Zealand and Mark Cairns followed with a 72-minute dismissal of Derek Ryan, of Ireland. Danny Meddings, of Surrey, dealt ably with the highly-vocal Adrian Davies, the hope of Wales, while Stephen Meads defeated Mark Chaloner.

Australia may lose key strike bowler

By Our Sports Staff

AUSTRALIA'S chances in their forthcoming cricket Test series against West Indies were dealt a severe blow yesterday when Craig McDermott, the fast bowler, tore ligaments in his left ankle in a training accident in Georgetown, Guyana.

McDermott was jogging back from the Bourda ground with Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, after the first day of the Australians' match against Guyana when the injury occurred. Errol Alcott, the team physiotherapist, said: "He's done severe ligament damage to his left ankle. It looks like three to four weeks at this stage before he could play again."

That would mean McDermott, 29, Australia's second-highest Test wicket-taker behind Dennis Lillee with 270 in 65 matches, would miss the first two matches of the four-match series in Barbados, from March 31 to April 5, and in Antigua, from April 8 to 13.

Jack Edwards, the team manager, said that McDermott would fly back to Australia for treatment but did not reveal whether he would call for a replacement.

☐ Sri Lanka grafted their way to 210 for three and an overall lead of 136 runs on the fourth day of the second Test match at Carisbrook Park, Dunedin, yesterday.

Sri Lanka lost the wickets of Samaraweera and Sanjeeva Ranatunga to reach lunch at 71 for two, still three runs in arrears after trailing by 74 runs on first innings.

Asanka Gurusinha, who was 92 not out at the close, quickly lost De Silva, the new Kent signing, but found an increasingly assertive partner in Tillekeratne, unbeaten on 68, in an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 129.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 233 (W P U C J Vaas 51).

Second Innings

A P Gurusinha not out	92
D P Samaraweera lbw b Su'a	5
S Ranatunga c Parore b Patel	23
P A de Silva c Murray b Patel	13
H P Tillekeratne not out	68
Extras (b 6, lb 2, nb 1)	9
Total (3 wkts)	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-63, 3-81.

BOWLING: Walmsley 21-7-53-0; Patel 33-15-45-2; Su'a 16-1-59-1; Pringle 10-2-32-0; Larsen 16-10-13-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 307 (B A Young 84, S P Fleming 66, D N Patel 52; Vaas 6-87).

ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOLS SEVENS

Results in the Festival competition at the Rosslyn Park national schools sevens yesterday:

GROUP WINNERS: Bye round: Blundell's 10 Tonbridge 7; Bryanston 29 Skinners' 14; Cranleigh 22 Oratory 7; Stowe 0 Loughborough 38; Wellington College 35 Rossall 7; Oakham 21 King's, Worcester 0.

KNOCKOUT ROUND: Blundell's 26 Bryanston 12; Worth 15 Culford 14; Davenant Foundation 17 Cranleigh 21; Portsmouth 5 Radley 31; Kelly 5 Bromsgrove 22; Epsom 0 King's, Canterbury 24; Ivybridge 5 Loughborough 14; Wellington 33 Oakham 0.

QUARTER-FINALS: Blundell's 33 Worth 0; Cranleigh 21 Radley 5; Bromsgrove 14 King's, Canterbury 19; Loughborough 14 Wellington 17.

SEMI-FINALS: Blundell's 26 Cranleigh 5; King's, Canterbury 7 Wellington 26.

FINAL: Blundell's 5 Wellington 27.

Group winners in the Preparatory schools tournament, the remaining rounds of which will be played today:

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Results in the group winners round of the Junior tournament, the remaining rounds of which will be played today:

John Fisher 14 Dwr-y-Felin 33; Berkhamsted 14 Bristol GS 12; Hymers 33 Torquay GS 12; RGS High Wycombe 47 Colfe's 0; Reigate GS 0 Glantaf 45; Plymouth 12 Chislehurst and Sidcup 21; Solihull 14 Birchgrove 19; St Illtyd's 5 Donhead 24; Eltham (bye).

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Australia may lose key strike bowler

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Neville and Gallen get their chance

By Our Sports Staff

TWO contenders for the young-player-of-the-year award, Gary Neville, the Manchester United defender, and Kevin Gallen, the Queens Park Rangers striker, have been called up to the England under-21 squad for the first time.

Dave Sexton, the manager, has also brought in Alan Thompson, a likely performer in the Coca-Cola Cup final with Bolton Wanderers, Andy Marshall, the Norwich City goalkeeper, and Andy Booth, of Huddersfield Town, for the European under-21 championship qualifying match with Ireland in Dublin on Monday.

Booth, a striker, was one of several players who impressed Sexton when he watched David Pleat's Endsleigh Insurance League under-21 side beat an Italian *Serie B* representative team 3-2 in Andria earlier this year.

Other members of that team, including Dean Richards, of Bradford City, Richard Rufus, of Charlton Athletic, and Nick Forster, of Brentford have been placed on stand-by.

But the notable inclusions now that Sexton has returned to lead the team are Neville, 20, the right back who counts two European Champions' League appearances among his 18 outings this season. He joins the Manchester United forward, Nicky Butt, who made his under-21 debut in the 1-0 win over Ireland at Newcastle in November.

Gallen, who scored 153 goals in two seasons with Rangers' youth team, made his first-team debut against Manchester United at Old Trafford on the opening day of this season. He has gone on to score nine goals in establishing himself as Les Ferdinand's forward partner.

Gallen's opportunity comes because the Liverpool striker, Robbie Fowler, is still suspended after his dismissal in Austria in October.

Neil Shipperley, Southampton's recent signing from Chelsea, is recalled, but Noel Whelan, of Leeds United, who scored the winning goal against the Irish in the last game, only makes the stand-by list for the match at Dalymount Park.

Martin Smith, of Sunderland, and the Aston Villa forward, Graham Fenton, also drop down after playing in that game.

With Ian Pearce, of Blackburn Rovers, also brought back, Sexton has a powerful squad in his attempt to add to two wins and a draw in the first three qualifying games.

It is so strong that he has agreed with the England coach, Terry Venables, that his captain, Jamie Redknapp, the Liverpool midfield player, can stay with the senior squad as they prepare for the international against Uruguay next week rather than travel to Ireland.

☐ Anthony Kleanthous, whose company recently rescued the stationery chain, Ryman, from receivership, has bought the controlling interest in Barnet, of the Endsleigh third division. Kleanthous, who succeeds David Buchler as chairman at Underhill, is chief executive and founder of the cellular-phone supplier, NAG Telecom.

Kleanthous's interest in Barnet is another significant step in the rehabilitation of a club which a year ago had massive financial problems.

☐ Peter Davenport, 33, the former Manchester United forward, wants to move back to England after two seasons with the Scottish first division club, St Johnstone, for family reasons.

PETER BYRNE

Mark Kennedy, left, with Roy Evans, Liverpool's manager, after his move from Millwall yesterday. Report, page 40

Ardingly take their cue from Virgo

By David Miller

ERIC CANTONA'S defending QC will attend the football Independent Schools Cup final at Craven Cottage, west London, tonight between Ardingly, from West Sussex, and St Bede's, of Manchester. He may not enjoy the same level of technical expertise for which Cantona is noted, but optimistically he should see 22 young players capable of controlling their emotions.

It certainly is to be hoped they are. If the independent schools do not still know how to behave, we may as well all turn out the lights and catch the last boat. If either team should be in any doubt beforehand, it ought to have a quiet word with George Cohen, the chief guest and former Fulham right back who managed to play in a World Cup final for England and still regard the game as fun.

Ardingly are favourites in a competition now in its third year. In 1993, Forest, from Essex, beat Charterhouse, from Surrey, on penalties after Charterhouse had contrived to neutralise Forest's clever South African, Fortune, then on Tottenham Hotspur's books. Unable to get a work permit as a player, Fortune has returned home.

Last year, Ardingly went down 3-1 in the final to King's, Chester, so this time they are anxious about the prospect of possibly losing four finals in which they have started as favourite, having additionally lost the last two Independent Schools six-a-side finals.

The reason behind Ardingly's prominence is that, like Millfield, it offers assisted places to a number of gifted sports performers. While the finalists this year are regarded as respectively the best from north and south, Ardingly's elite scholarship programme inevitably places it under pressure to succeed. Neutrals will all be smiling if St Bede's, a Catholic school near to Maine Road, prolong Ardingly's embarrassment.

The competition ties are not drawn regionally, but on an open basis like the FA Cup. There were 31 entries this year. In the semi-finals, Ardingly beat Batley Grammar School 3-0 at home, their ninth home draw in ten ties over three years. The farthest north they have travelled is Godalming. St Bede's defeated Wolverhampton Grammar 2-1 away. Two St Bede's boys, Tarpey and Kielty, recently left, aged 16, to become apprentices with Manchester City.

The outstanding player for Ardingly is said to be Virgo, their attacking left back, who has played for Brighton and Hove Albion reserves. Can he defend, St Bede's will be asking? The mainspring for St Bede's is O'Driscoll in central midfield. He has had trials with Manchester City. With only two defeats this season, by Manchester Grammar and Winstanley, Wigan, St Bede's are not going to go down quietly.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Defeated O'Sullivan rejects tired excuses

LOOKING jaded and devoid of motivation, Ronnie O'Sullivan, the runner-up in the Thailand Open snooker tournament four days ago, was beaten 5-2 by John Parrott in the first round of the Irish Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare, yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Although O'Sullivan sportingly played down the effects of jet lag from the 13-hour flight, his performance bore no resemblance to the norm.

O'Sullivan, the winner of the Masters at Wembley last month, could manage a highest break of only 35. "Ronnie missed a lot more balls than he usually does. I know how I felt when I flew back from Bangkok so he must be extremely tired," Parrott, who returned home from the Far East a week ago after being defeated in the last 16, said. Parrott, who has prevailed in six of his seven meetings with O'Sullivan, provides the opposition for Jimmy White in the quarter-finals tomorrow evening. O'Sullivan, meanwhile, has some extra preparation time for the defence of his British Open title next month.

Three fall foul of rule

RUGBY LEAGUE: Paul Mercer and Paul Broadbent, of Sheffield, and Gordon Lynch, of Doncaster, have become the first players to be referred to the Rugby Football League's disciplinary committee for foul play under the referees' on-field reporting rule after video analysis.

Scotland roll onwards

BOWLS: Scotland, champions for the past two years, defeated Wales 119-99 in the opening round of the women's home international series at Ballymoney yesterday. Roberta Hutchison skipped Scotland's most successful rink to a 25-15 victory. England won on all six rinks to overwhelm Ireland 155-98 and meet Scotland in the crucial match today.

Breaking new ground

RUGBY UNION: West London Institute and Swansea University, who have not met before, play for the British Universities Sports Association men's title at Twickenham today. The women's final, between De Montfort, Bedford, and Loughborough, which precedes the men's, is only the second women's game to be staged at headquarters.

Ryder Cup pair escape

GOLF: Sam Torrance and Bernard Gallacher scraped to victory in the first round of the Sunningdale Foursomes yesterday. Torrance, hoping to play in his eighth successive Ryder Cup in September, and Gallacher, the team captain, edged out Les Cox and Simon Griffiths, of Wentworth, at the first extra green after trailing for the first 14 holes.

Wellington supreme

RUGBY UNION: Wellington College became festival champions at the Rosslyn Park schools sevens for the third time in five years after a resounding 27-5 victory over Blundell's. Two scores from Doug Roe, a wing, formed the platform for a victory that included five tries. A week ago, Wellington won the Surrey Sevens.

McIlvanney wins again

SPORTS AWARDS: Hugh McIlvanney, of *The Sunday Times*, has been named British Sports Journalist of the year. Simon Greenberg, of *The Mail on Sunday*, took the reporter's award, while in feature writing, won by Michael Parkinson, of *The Daily Telegraph*, Rob Hughes and Andrew Longmore, of *The Times*, earned honourable mentions.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

SALISBURY: International match: England 0 Korea 5 (England names first): Men's singles: A Bush lost to K Hak Kyun 10-15, 15-9, 15-9 Women's singles: J Mann lost to K Ji Hyun 2-11, 5-11 Mixed doubles: C Hunt and G Gowers lost to H Tae Kwon and K Shin Young 9-15, 15-11, 11-15. Other doubles: J Davies and N Beck lost to J Hye Ock and L Joo Hyun 3-15, 12-15, N Cottrill and J Quinn lost to L Dong Soo and K Dong Moon 7-15, 12-15.

BASKETBALL

LEICESTER: Budweiser All-Star Game: North 151 South 164.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 106 LA Clippers 102, Dallas 102 Cleveland 100 (OT), San Antonio 104 Seattle 96; Sacramento 91, Denver 89

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* Orlando	48	17	738	—
* New York	42	21	667	5
New Jersey	26	39	.400	22
Boston	25	40	.385	23
Miami	24	41	.369	24
Washington	18	46	.281	29½
Philadelphia	17	48	.262	31

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	40	24	.625	—
Charlotte	40	25	615	½
Cleveland	36	29	554	4½
Chicago	34	32	515	7
Atlanta	33	32	.508	7½
Milwaukee	25	41	379	16
Detroit	23	42	354	16½

Western Conference

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	48	18	727	—
San Antonio	45	18	714	1½
Houston	40	24	625	7
Denver	31	34	477	16½
Dallas	26	37	.413	20½
Minnesota	19	47	288	29

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* Phoenix	49	17	742	—
Seattle	44	20	688	4
LA Lakers	39	25	609	9
Portland	35	28	556	12½
Sacramento	32	33	492	16½
Golden State	21	43	.328	27
LA Clippers	14	53	209	35½

* play-off place

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BOWLS

BALLYMONEY: British Women's Indoor championships and Home Internationals: Singles: Semi-finals: England (M Price) bt Northern Ireland (P Smyth) 21-13, Wales (D Rowlands) bt Scotland (C McIntosh) 21-14 Final: England bt Wales 21-18. Pairs: Semi-finals: England (J Hill and J Tester) bt Northern Ireland (B Dunlop and M Johnston) 26-24; Scotland (A Baird and J Woodley) bt Wales (L Oliver and S Oliver) 21-19. Final: Scotland bt England 32-6 Triples: Semi-finals: Wales (J Davies, S Gough and B Morgan) bt Northern Ireland (M Wilkinson, M Cameron and B Cameron) 15-13, Scotland (M Leishman, V Leishman and R Hutchison) bt England (V Thomson, P Sutton and J Meikle) 12-11. Final: Scotland bt Wales 16-10. Fours: Semi-finals: Scotland (J McFadnes) bt Ireland (E Bell) 21-15; Wales (R Jones) bt England (D Hunt) 18-16 Wales bt Scotland 23-15 Scotland bt Wales 119-99. Rink scores (Scotland skips first): N Davidson lost to D Rowlands 15-21, J Conlan lost to A Danton 17-18, J Lindores bt P Griffiths 21-15, R Hutchison bt R Jones 25-15, A Watson bt S Oliver 22-13, F Haxton bt B Morgan 19-17

CRICKET

GEORGETOWN: Tour match (at lunch on second day of three). Guyana 105 (G D McGrath 5-47); Australians 320-7 (M E Waugh 75)

FENCING

EPSOM COLLEGE: De Beaumont Cup International women's foil: 1, F McIntosh (Salle Paul), 2, S Mawby (Salle Paul); equal 3, L Strachan (Salle Paul) and K Sadler (Bellahouston)

FOOTBALL

Monday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Norwich City 3 Ipswich Town 0

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stevenage 1 Halifax 0

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 2 Aston Villa 0, Sheff Utd 1 Derby 1 Second division: Blackpool 0 Birmingham 1, Leicester 1 Man City 0; Mansfield 3 York 3.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 3 Brighton 0; Bristol Rovers 2 Bristol City 0; Portsmouth 1 Queens Park Rangers 0. Second division: Birmingham 3 Yeovil 3; Cheltenham 3 Hereford 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 0 Dorchester 0, Southern division: Fareham 2 Weston-super-Mare 3

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Lymington 2 Andover 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 2 Atherton LR 1, Gt Harwood 2 Eastwood 2, Worksop 3 Harrogate 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 2 Penrith 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Keynsham 0 Brislington 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Bognor 1 Wivenhoe 0, Ruislip 1 Chertsey 1

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Newry 0 Coleraine 2 (aet)

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Gil Vicente 0 Porto 1

ENGLISH SCHOOLS FUJI FILM TROPHY: Quarter-final: Newport 3 Liverpool 1

GOLF

SUNNINGDALE: Sunningdale foursomes (handicaps in brackets) First round: Old Course: J Putt and M Hughesdon (Sunningdale) (scr) bt S Gibson and M James (Walton Heath) (+1) 3 and 2, B White (Sutton Green) and G Shoesmith (West Hill) (+2) bt S Watkins (Littlestone) and G Cowlishaw (Farnham) (+2) 3 and 2, I Mackenzie (Hallamshire) and M Mackenzie (Hillsborough) (+1) bt P Tupling and F Houlgate (Sand Moor) (+2) 3 and 2, G Brown (Ganton) and J Brown (Kirby Moorside) (3) bt A Ratt and A Morgans (St George's Hill) (+2) one hole, D Hamilton (East Herts) and S Standing (Unattached) (−1) bt J Griggs (Woburn) and S Bryan (Flackwell Heath) (+1) 6 and 5, S Edwards (Wrexham) and G Houston (Flint) (+1) bt P Barlow (Southport and Ainsdale) and G Helsby (Grange Park) (scr) 3 and 2; R Commans and I McInally (The Wisley) (+2) bt R Hemming and D Park (Hereford) (+1) at 20th, R Bailey (Whittington Heath) and S Gallagher (Trentham Park) (8) bt T Barter (Borley Park) and A Hall (Sand Martins) (+2) 4 and 2, M Stanford (Saltford) and M Plummer (Burnham and Berrow) (+2) bt P Davies (Morlais Castle) and N English (Milford) (−1) 3 and 2, M Herbert (Abridge) and R Herbert (Royal Porthcawl) (+2) bt A Tillman and C Walker (The Wildernesse) (+2) 3 and 1, A Rodgers (Grims Dyke) and J Goodman (Henley) (+2) bt M Daubney and N Zaher (Olton) (+2) two holes, S Robinson and S Dyson (Malton and Norton) (+1) bt A Rutherford (London) and I Sulsh (Mulligans) (+2) at 19th, S Little (Moor Park) and G Clark (Pinner Hill) (scr) bt L Curling and N Wichelow (Hillingdon) (+1) 5 and 4, J Farmer (New, St Andrews) and D Scott (Lytham Grange) (+2) bt D Haines (Isle of Wedmore) and S Martin (Burnham and Berrow) (+1) at 20th, L Donald (Beaconsfield) and M O'Connor (Stoke Poges) (scr) bt J Hamilton (Brickendon Grange) and R Whitehead (Chesfield Downs) (+2) 6 and 5, D Craik and L Jackson (Frilford Heath) (+1) bt D Messias and C Roake (Gerrards Cross) (scr) 3 and 2, S Torrance (Selsdon Park) and B Gallacher (Wentworth) (+2) bt L Cox and S Griffiths (Wentworth) (scr) at 19th, C Panton-Lewis (Scottish Lile) and S Moon (Cross Rent-A-Tipper) (4) bt N Sumner (Nelson) and D Yates (Ellesmere Port) (+2) 2 and 1, R Walker and R Goldie (Wearside) (+1) bt D Morgan (Wrexham Park) and T Healy (Portsmouth) (+2) 2 holes, S Geary and C Duffy (Maidenhead) (1) bt J Earl (field) and I Dryden (Chatham Park) (+2) 1 hole, S Berwick (East Berkshire) and M McEwan (Frome) (+1) bt M Wharton (John O'Gaunt) and C Baron (Woburn) (−1) 3 and 2. New Course: G Hill and R Reeve (Rochford Hundred) (+1) bt R Hurst and T Paterson (The Leatherhead) (+1) one hole, G Smith (Camberley Heath) and W Riley (PGA European Tour) (+2) bt P Sherman (Ashford) and P Page (Dartford) (+2) 3 and 2, K Stables (Montrose) and A Webster (Edzell) (+2) bt M Higley (Yeovil) and L Thompson (Wells) (+2) 3 and 2, A Good and R Summerscales (Foxhills) (+2) bt D Hudspith and J Carter (Woodcote Park) (+1) 2 holes, D King and T Craik (Frilford Heath) (2) bt M Howell and G Philips (Henley) (+1) 4 and 2; J Collier and C Stewart (Walton Heath) (scr) bt A Carter (Lincoln) and G Stafford (Burton-on-Trent) (+2) 4 and 3, J Harris (Nevill) and S Wood (Moatlands) (+1) bt I Young and C Brooks (Brad Hills) (+2) 2 and 1, T Momsen and C Challen (Stoke Poges) (+1) bt M Smith (Seaford) and D Mills (West Hove) (+2) 5 and 4, C Hawkes and P Eady (Brookmans Park) (3) bt C Defoy (Coombe Hill) and W Defoy (Silvermere) (+2) 3 and 2, J Christine (Worplesdon) and S Prosser (Women's European Tour) (1) bt G Ross and M Carmichael (Greenock) (+1) at 20th

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington 5 Hartford 0; Quebec 5 Florida 4 (OT); Philadelphia 8 Montreal 4; Edmonton 5 Calgary 2; Los Angeles 5 St Louis 3

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: World championship: Eliminator (Second day): C Bray (GB) leads L Duchar (Australia) 4-6, 6-5, 6-2, 6-2

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Boroughmuir 20 Heriot's FP 26. Cancelled: Maesteg v Treorchy; Penarth v Pontypool.

SHOOTING

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: World clay pigeon championships: Individual: 1, Gary Phillips (Eng) 202pts; 2, B Hebditch (Eng) 200; 3, P Smith (Eng) 196. Team: England. Junior: 1, Z Kenbaum (US) 158; 2, A Rist (Eng) 145; 3, P Simpson (Eng) 145. Team: England. Women: 1, K Skahil (US) 146; 2, V Johnson (US) 141, 3, V Ash (US) 139.

SNOOKER

GOFFS, Co Kildare: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters: First round: J Parrott (Eng) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng) 5-2

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Leekes British Open Championships: Qualifying finals: (Eng unless stated) Men: A Wagih (Egypt) bt J Hickox (Can) 12-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-6; D Ryan (Ire) bt C Wapnick (SA) 15-9, 15-8, 7-15, 16-17, 15-7; J Bonetat (Fr) bt B Davis (Aus) 15-7, 15-12, 15-3, M Chaloner bt T Garner 15-9, 15-7, 15-8, M Heath (Scot) bt S Castelyn (Bel) 14-15, 15-11, 15-13, 15-8; N Taylor bt A-F Khan (HK) 15-11, 17-15, 15-13; A Barada (Egypt) bt G Wilson (NZ) 15-6, 15-4, 12-15, 15-12, A Kirkland bt L Buit (Holl) 15-5, 15-8, 15-7. Women: S Taylor (Wales) bt I Uriarte (Sp) 9-0, 9-3, 8-10, 9-2, C Venter (SA) bt T Malik (Wales) 6-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-3; S Cook (NZ) bt T Shenton 6-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-3, A Clifton-Parks (SA) bt M Zein (Egypt) 9-3, 9-3, 9-6, J Wilson (NZ) bt C Casteis (Fr) 9-5, 9-2, 9-1; D Vardy bt S Langley 9-5, 9-2, 8-10, 0-9, 9-4; S Brind bt V Atkinson (Holl) 9-7, 3-9, 6-9, 9-5, 9-4; A Wray bt J Tranfield 2-9, 7-9, 9-3, 9-4, 10-9. First round: P Marshall bt P Steel (NZ) 15-10, 15-7, 15-8, M Cairns bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-6, 15-12, 15-11; S Meads bt M Chaloner 15-11, 12-15, 15-8, 15-11, D Meddings bt A Davies (Wales) 15-14, 15-7, 6-15, 15-11. Women: First round: C Jackman bt H van Hoorn (Holl) 6-9, 9-6, 9-0, 9-1; J Martin bt N Tippett (Aus) 9-1, 4-9, 9-1, 9-5, S FitzGerald (Aus) bt S Taylor (Wales) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2; S Schone (Ger) bt D Leeves 9-5, 9-0, 9-1

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Championships (US unless stated): Men: Third round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt P McEnroe 6-4, 7-6; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt M Joyce 6-3, 6-1, P Sampras bt J Palmer 6-4, 6-4; W Ferreira bt M Philippoussis 6-4, 7-5, M Larsson (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; B Karbacher (Ger) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-3, 6-0; M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Rios (Chile) 7-5, 6-3; K Braasch (Ger) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; P Kilderry (Aus) bt A Krickstein 6-2, 6-2; J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Chang 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, A Agassi bt T Ho 6-0, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, T Enqvist (Swe) bt D Wheaton 7-5, 6-4, M Washington bt V Spadea 7-5, 7-5. Women: Third round: M Werdel Witmeyer bt A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 6-2, 7-5, I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; K Boogert (Holl) bt T Tanasugarn (Thai) 6-1, 6-2; K Date (Japan) bt M Oremans (Holl) 7-6, 7-6, R McQuillan (Aus) bt A Smashnova (Isr) 6-3, 7-6, A Coetzer (SA) bt S-T Wang (Thai) 6-2, 7-5; A Huber (Ger) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-1, 6-1; L Raymond bt Z Garrison-Jackson 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, J Novotna (Cz) bt D Monami (Bel) 7-6, 6-2; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt K Habsudova (Cz) 7-5, 6-2; L Neiland (Lat) bt B Schett (Austria) 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

CASABLANCA: Men's tournament: First round: G Solves (Fr) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. A Lopez-Moron (Sp) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 6-0, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bt H Arazi (Mor) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; S Pescosolido (It) bt D Poliakov (Ukr), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUES

MEN: Wessex 3 Warwick Riga 0; Reebok Liverpool City 1 Camden Aquila 3; Polonia Ealing 2 Newcastle Staffs 3. Mizuno Malory Lewisham 3 Whitefield 1.

	P	W	L	Pts
Mizuno Lewisham	13	13	0	26
Polonia Ealing	13	8	5	16
Wessex	13	8	5	16
Newcastle Staffs	13	7	6	14
Camden Aquila	13	5	8	10
Reebok Liverpool City	13	5	8	10
Whitefield	13	3	10	6
Warwick Riga	13	3	10	6

WOMEN: KLEA Leeds 1 Ashcombe Guildford 3; Britannia Music City 2 Sale 3; Birmingham 0 London Malory 3

	P	W	L	Pts
London Malory	11	10	1	20
Britannia Music City	11	9	2	18
Sale	11	9	2	18
Guildford	10	5	5	10
KLEA Leeds	11	3	8	6
Wessex	11	2	9	4
Birmingham	11	0	11	0

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	55	140	good	varied	fair	cloud	-8	21/3
(Difficult conditions despite new snow; cold and windy)								
Saalbach	60	150	good	powder	good	snow	0	21/3
(First-class powder skiing, including the nursery slopes)								
Schladming	40	145	good	powder	fair	snow	4	21/3
(Fresh snow, empty pistes, superb skiing)								
St Anton	85	450	good	powder	good	snow	-2	21/3
(Excellent powder skiing, avalanche danger on top runs)								
FRANCE								
Les Arcs	185	450	good	powder	good	sun	-4	20/3
(Fantastic conditions, fresh powder and sunny skies)								
Flaine	210	420	good	powder	good	sun	3	21/3
(Superb skiing, fresh powder and all runs open)								
Megevé	100	340	good	powder	good	fine	-2	20/3
(Pistes in superb condition, fresh powder — perfection)								
Val d'Isére	190	370	good	powder	good	sun	3	20/3
(Great piste skiing with powder available)								
Val Thorens	200	350	good	powder	good	sun	-5	20/3
(Perfect skiing everywhere, wonderful powder)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	90	400	good	crusty	good	sun	-2	20/3
(Good snow but windy, cold temperatures for March)								
SWITZERLAND								
Mürren	150	280	good	powder	good	cloud	-4	21/3
(Perfect snow conditions everywhere, sun forecast)								
Verbier	70	210	good	powder	good	sun	-12	20/3
(Fantastic skiing, superb snow conditions)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West　　Love all

North: ♠4 ♥85 ♦AQ32 ♣KQ9642
West: ♠K532 ♥K1072 ♦J974 ♣10
East: ♠QJ98 ♥AJ4 ♦85 ♣J753
South: ♠A1076 ♥Q963 ♦K106 ♣A8

W	N	E	S
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: four of diamonds

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The opening lead ran round to declarer's ten and he immediately played the ace of clubs and another club, ducking when West discarded a diamond. On lead with the jack of clubs, East knew he had to take four tricks straight away if he was to beat the game. He reasoned that his partner was almost certainly 4-4-4-1 for he would surely have preferred to lead a five-card spade suit. This left declarer with four cards in both majors.

It was also likely that West had honours in each major, or he would have chosen to discard from his weaker one in order to help East find the right switch. East argued that with good spade intermediates, West might have chosen to lead one whereas it was unlikely that he would ever have chosen a heart. Consequently, East switched to the jack of hearts, covered by the queen and king; then a heart back to the ace and a third heart gave declarer no chance, with West holding 107 over declarer's 96. Was declarer just unlucky or could he have done better?

As is so often the case, declarer's error occurred at trick one. He should have realised a) that the only way to go down was if clubs were 4-1; and b) that it was only possible to lose four heart tricks if East broached the suit. Hence he should have won the first diamond in dummy and played a club to his eight. West will win his singleton ten but can do no harm.

He can switch to a heart to East's ace and East can continue with the jack, but if declarer covers the jack West can only make the king and ten before having to let declarer score his nine.

This type of play, where declarer deliberately loses a trick to the opponent who can do him no harm, is called an 'avoidance play'.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SIGLOS
a. A silver coin
b. A whistling phoneme
c. Loss of computer signal

TAGMEME
a. A stinking Malysian fruit
b. A small grammatical unit
c. A Central American puppet idol

VENUSBERG
a. A Venusian element
b. A sensual Utopia
c. A peach ice cream

SHICE
a. Worthless
b. A mounted shikari
c. A midden

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

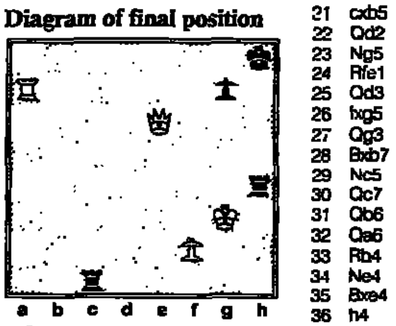
Ivanchuk's Win

The Ukranian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk won the first prize in the Linares tournament in Spain with a tremendous final spurt of victories. They commenced with this crushing demolition against the early leader.

White: Vassily Ivanchuk
Black: Sergei Tiviakov
Linares, March 1995
Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	0-0
5	Bd3	d5
6	Nf3	c5
7	0-0	Nc6
8	a3	Bxc3
9	bxc3	dxc4
10	Bxc4	Qc7
11	Bb5	b6
12	Re1	Bb7
13	e4	Ne7
14	Bd3	Nd7
15	g3	Rfd8
16	Bf4	Qc6
17	a4	Nf8
18	h4	Qe8
19	a5	cxd4
20	cxd4	bxa5
21	Qb3	Bc6

Diagram of final position



22	Rxa5	f5
23	Ng5	fxe4
24	Bxe4	Nd5
25	Nxe6	Qxe6
26	Bxh7+	Kxh7
27	Rxe6	Nxe6
28	Qc2+	Kh8
29	Qxc6	Nexf4
30	gxf4	Rac8
31	Qg6	Nxd4
32	Qg4	Rc1+
33	Kh2	Rxd4
34	Rxa7	Ne6
35	Qxe6	Rxh4+
36	Kg3	Black resigns

Grandmaster Alexander Khalifman moved up the field by despatching the back marker.

White: Vladimir Akopian
Black: Alexander Khalifman
Linares, March 1995
King's Indian Defence

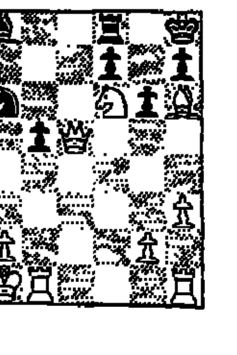
1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	0-0
5	Be3	d6
6	h3	c5
7	dxc5	Qa5
8	Bd3	dxc5
9	e5	Ne8
10	f4	Nc6
11	Nf3	Be6
12	Qe2	Rd8
13	0-0	Nc7
14	a3	Nd4
15	Bxd4	cxd4
16	b4	Qb6
17	Na4	Qc6
18	b5	Qe8
19	Be4	a6
20	Rab1	axb5
21	cxb5	Nd5
22	Qd2	Bh6
23	Ng5	Ne3
24	Rfe1	Nc4
25	Qd3	Bxg5
26	fxg5	Nxe5
27	Qg3	Nc4
28	Bxb7	Bd7
29	Nc5	Bxb5
30	Qc7	Ne3
31	Qb6	Ba4
32	Qa6	Bc2
33	Rb4	e5
34	Ne4	Bxe4
35	Bxe4	Qe7
36	h4	Rb8
37	Reb1	Rxb4
38	axb4	Qd7
39	b5	d3
40	Qc6	Qd4

White resigns

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Mabbs - Alexander, London 1961. White has tremendous threats on the dark squares, particularly along the a1-h8 diagonal. Can you spot his winning combination?



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Memories of Senna cast long shadow over German with point to prove

Schumacher traces tracks of his tears

Oliver Holt finds the world motor racing champion in reflective mood as he prepares to defend his crown

MARC ASPLAND

Schumacher: "Imola was of such magnitude that you will always think of it before a championship"

STRAIGHT as an arrow the drive ran, beneath a triumphal arch of vines, through fields where gardeners stooped to the earth, until it reached El Toula. The sound of breakfast china meeting table tops filled the eighteenth-century villa, a staircase rose away to the left. Ahead, the main dining-room was empty, but in a small annexe Michael Schumacher sat with his fiancée, Corinna Betsch.

Tucked away in the countryside near Treviso, in northern Italy, this is about as close to sanctuary as he can get outside the cloistered existence of his life at home in Monte Carlo. The Formula One world motor racing champion is a quiet, reflective man away from the track, rescued from solemnity by a wry sense of humour and a keen mind, polite and courteous. He walked on the lawns that surrounded the villa, soaking up the peace that enveloped him, preparing for the hurly-burly of the launch of this year's Benetton-Renault car. Later that bright January day, his team would send him up above the company's headquarters in a hot-air balloon, lord of all he surveyed.

Schumacher, 26, is content, happy and proud to be the champion, a young man lauded as the outstanding talent of his generation after just three full seasons in the sport, settled and at ease in his personal life. But at the bottom of it all, he admits that there is a niggling feeling that something is missing.

He would, after all, be less than human if he did not let melancholy invade his thoughts at some stage after the season that he and his rivals endured last year. The death of Ayrton Senna affected him deeply and his eyes still well with tears when he is asked to talk about him.

On a competitive level, the death of Senna at the San Marino Grand Prix last May robbed Schumacher of the chance to prove that his early dominance over the Brazilian last season would have continued. His championship win, despite a two-race suspension and the docking of points from two races, was a remarkable achievement but some still cast doubt on its worth.

"If I look back over the season, my first memory is of Imola," Schumacher said. "That was the first time I have been involved in death in the sport I love or in death directly at all. The good feelings at the end of the season were a separate thing. Imola was of such magnitude that you will always think of it before a championship.

"The championship was something great for me but I have not yet got that feeling that I am satisfied. There must be something more than just what I had. That is what I am looking for. It is difficult to say what it is. I had great feelings but there must be something more than that.

"Before you win the championship, people say you have to win it to prove yourself as a driver. Then when you do it, they say they are still not 100 per cent sure whether you are the best or not. There are other drivers who have achieved many championships and kept their performances consistently high. That is part of what I am looking for."

Schumacher, driving a Benetton-Ford, took the championship from Damon Hill by a single point last year after a traumatic season that began with the deaths of Roland Ratzenberger and Senna and then descended into a series of allegations against the legality of the young German's car. Some saw that as merely a transparent attempt by the sport's governing body, the international motor sport federation (FIA), to prolong the season.

Each time it knocked him and Benetton down, Schumacher came back stronger until Hill forced the championship to its denouement in Australia. When the two protagonists crashed on the 35th lap of the Adelaide race, ending Hill's chances of overhauling the German, Schumacher was pilloried in sections of the English press, elements of which persuaded the FIA to hold a farcical inquiry into the incident. The federation took no action.

"I think what the whole season taught me was that if you do something special, which nobody expects, you need to be prepared for jealousy," Schumacher said. "The rumours during the season upset me because I knew what I had done and if someone casts doubt on that, it is annoying. In Adelaide, I knew what had happened and then people said it had been done on purpose. In England, they were completely against me. But it is all past now and we have nothing to prove. Every time they said something against us, we proved it was not true."

Schumacher has not rested on his laurels during the close season, working ceaselessly on developing the latest car and its new Renault engine, vying with Hill and his Williams-Renault for the fastest testing times at Estoril. It looks as though it is going to be close again this season, which starts in Brazil on Sunday, even, perhaps, that Williams may have a slight technical advantage.

Some say Benetton can afford a disadvantage because Schumacher will cancel it out, whoever the opposition; others that he will find it difficult to cope with the added pressure of having to defend a title. Schumacher reflects for a minute, but there is no doubt now. "I have achieved the highest you can achieve in motor sport but I feel relaxed because I have done it. The fascination of driving the car is still there. For me, it was never difficult to get motivation. It was just there. I do not need to make a special effort to get in the car and drive quickly.

"Doing something like equalling Fangio's five championships is not my target. The first priority is to get the satisfaction when I am qualifying. I start at a very high level and then develop to my limit and the car's limit. You need to prove yourself anew every time."

CAR 95

In Car 95 this Saturday: **the complete colour guide to the Formula One season**

Scapegoats in cauldron of greed

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

I think at last we have reached the defining moment of the season of sleaze. Perhaps Vinny Jones was the only possible man for the defining. As the 713th footballing person this week to deny something, he said that Hampshire police had sought to contact him about match-fixing allegations.

"They rang my agent on Friday but they must know they are barking up the wrong tree," Jones said.

His *agent*? Is this a new form of police procedure, then? Hello, Fraud Squad. I hear that Simon Barnes has been fiddling his expenses again. Right, lads! Call his literary agent! We'll give him "lunch"!

But perhaps it is just an expansion of the traditional formula of "I'm a nice chap but my agent's a bastard". Can you do a charity match on Tuesday? Yes, well, *love* to do it, of course, but you'd better call my agent. (Who'll tell you to get stuffed.)

Please pay attention, sir. Where were you on the morning of the 16th inst? Were you in the arrivals hall of terminal three, Heathrow, awaiting a flight from Kuala Lumpur?

I'm sorry, officer. I have no idea. My agent will know. What with all the football and the charity work, my diary is so complex, and he is the only one who can help.

Or, perhaps you contact agents to establish the result you need. Hello, this is Mr Big from KL, calling from the payphone in the bar of the Coliseum. Now, you represent Fred Goalie, of Melchester Rovers, right? We want a 3-1 result on Saturday? Usual suitcase.

No problem, *terima kasih*. I'll get onto it right away. Hello, Fred? This is your agent. You're letting in three on Saturday. I know, I know. I tell you what, I'll let you save a penalty next week. Must go, I've got another call. Hello?

Mr Agent? Police again. Remember your client, Jimmy Striker, was sentenced to 90 days? He's just done 81, can you do your ten per cent?

Agents are the most despised people in football. Well, I hear you say, what's not to despise? Agents are blamed for most of its ills: destroyers of managers and players, people in the game not for love but for money.

Football is surrounded by the ravenous, slavering dogs of greed, and what does football do? It blames the fleas. My God, this is terrible — and if it weren't for the fleas, the dogs wouldn't *be* here. Get rid of the fleas and the dogs will vanish in a trice.

Let us get real. At the top level of the game, there is so much money that people do not know what to do with it. Manchester United spent seven million on Sunday's sub. They have a nice ground; they are to spend £28 million on a new bit. Ten years ago, the club announced that it had sold itself to a jaunty little chap with a moustache for ten million quid. Unthinkable now.

Football is overflowing with money and everyone who can gets his greedy gob into the honeypot: directors, manager, players, sponsors, kit-makers, advertisers, media people. Put these into the cauldron of football and we have a witches' brew of greed. Agents are just one more pint of bat's blood in the cauldron.

Round about the cauldron go, in the poisoned entrails throw. What next? Look westward, young man; that is where sporting future is to be found. Out there in the United States, see a convicted rapist signing a contract worth $300 million, which makes jail the soundest career move Mike Tyson ever made.

And the absurdity of the baseball strike, the labour dispute between millionaires and billionaires. It couldn't happen here, could it? Just what everybody said when Ben Johnson was busted.

Meanwhile, down to Twickenham last Saturday, where tickets were a grand a time, and a decade of lies about amateurism was collapsing about us. More television, another World Cup coming, more money. Can sleaze be far behind?

We are not shocked by corruption in the City, or in the corridors of the mother of parliaments. But we *are* shocked by corruption in sport. Our expectations are too high, our pleasures too innocent. Because, wherever you find much money, you find corrupt people. Wherever you find great money, you find great temptation. The thing about temptation, though, is that it is not compulsory to yield to it.

But so many people in football, meeting, by chance, temptation, overwhelm it with their embraces. They seek to seduce their own tempters, they rape their would-be rapist, they say, as Doctor Faustus said of his own agent: "Had I as many souls as there be stars, I'd give them all for Mephostophilis."

Dellenbaugh lifts spirits to a man

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

THE experience of David Dellenbaugh, the yachtsman controversially called to join the all-women America's Cup crew aboard *Mighty Mary* as replacement tactician, paid off handsomely in their first match against *Stars & Stripes*. *Mighty Mary's* victory here on Monday lifted Lesley Egnot's crew level on points with Dennis Conner's second-placed yacht in the semi-finals of the Citizen Cup defence trials.

Taking the wheel during the pre-start manoeuvres, Dellenbaugh failed to win the favoured right side of the course, but took *Mighty Mary* up to speed and across the line first. He then called the shots, using the shifting breeze that propelled Egnot to a 1min 36sec victory.

The timely win blunted criticism raging within the American press over Dellenbaugh's promotion to the crew. "He's a calming influence and I think it showed today." Dawn Riley, the crew's leader, said.

"I've sailed with Dave a lot. He brings a nice confidence to the boat. It is now a quieter boat, especially when we are winning."

In the challenger trials for the Louis Vuitton Cup, Russell Coutts and his crew on *Team New Zealand* chalked up their 25th successive win in the series with a decisive victory by 6min 14sec over the Japanese crew aboard *Nippon 95*. Chris Dickson's rival challenger, *TAG Heuer*, also had a good day, beating *oneAustralia*, skippered by John Bertrand, by 1min 19sec to bring nearer the prospect of an all-New Zealand final.

Dickson said: "We've lifted the tempo a little bit. We feel we're at the level we aimed at. There's nothing in reserve right now. The television coverage is now live in New Zealand. The prospect of an all-New Zealand final is something that all New Zealand is hoping for."

However, Bertrand admitted: "Our older boat is not quite as good as the race boat that sank, and it is going to be all the harder to win the America's Cup as a result, though it will not be impossible."

RESULTS: Citizen Cup defence trials (all US): Mighty Mary (L Egnot) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner), 1min 36sec. Overall positions: 1 Young America (K Mahaney), 3pts; equal 2 Mighty Mary and Stars & Stripes, 1. Louis Vuitton Cup challenger trials: TAG Heuer Challenge (C Dickson, NZ) bt oneAustralia (J Bertrand, Aus), 1.19; Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt Nippon 95 (M Namba, Japan), 6.14. Overall positions: 1, Team New Zealand, 2pts; equal 2, TAG Heuer Challenge and oneAustralia, 1; 4, Nippon 95, 0.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37

SIGLOS

(a) A silver coin of ancient Persia, also a unit of weight, from the Greek word. "The unit of weight in the East was the shekel or siglos. Starting from the siglos as unit, they [sc. the Greeks] invented a money-mina of 50 sigli. The siglos-units chiefly employed in Asia Minor were the following..."

TAGMEME

(b) The smallest meaningful unit of grammatical form, from the Greek *tagma* arrangement. "In the case of lexical forms, we have defined the smallest meaningful units as morphemes, and their meanings as sememes; in the same way, the smallest meaningful units of grammatical form may be spoken of as tagmemes, and their meanings as episememes."

VENUSBERG

(b) The court of Venus, in German legend, and especially in Wagner's *Tristan* found in a grotto on the Hörselberg mountain, hence, in transferred use, any environment whose primary characteristic is sensual pleasure. In German, literally, "the mountain of Venus". "Beardsley depicted a more violent encounter between satyrs and the residents of the Venusberg."

SHICE

(a) Nothing, base money, something worthless, or, as an adjective, worthless, counterfeit, spurious, from the German *scheiss*. "I ascertained while at Dartmoor that a very large business is done in shice."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bg7+! Kxg7 2 Ne8+ Kh6 (2 ... Kg8 3 Qg7 is mate) 3 Qf4+ g5 4 Qf6+ Kh5 5 Ng7+ Kh4 6 Qf2 mate.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup

Sixth-round replay

Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace (7.45)

FA Carling Premiership

Man Utd v Arsenal (8.0)
Nottingham Forest v Leeds
QPR v Chelsea (8.0)
Southampton v Newcastle
Tottenham v Liverpool (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Bolton v Sheffield Utd
Derby v Swindon (7.45)
West Bromwich v Millwall (7.45)

Second division

Brighton v Chester (7.45)
Bristol Rovers v Rotherham (8.0)

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

Hibernian v Motherwell (3.30)

First division

Hamilton v Dunfermline

Third division

Albion v Montrose
Cowdenbeath v East Stirling

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Aberystwyth; Ton Pentre v Maesteg Park; Flint Town v Connah's Quay.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Carshalton. Third division: Collier Row v Camberley (7.45); Harlow v Horsham (7.45). Carlsberg Cup: Fourth round: Sutton United v Chertsey.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings v Crawley, Hednesford v Sittingbourne (7.45); VS Rugby v Trowbridge. Southern division: Fareham v Waterlooville; Havant v Margate. Midland division: Forest Green v Bridgnorth (7.45).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Boston v Witton Albion.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hillingdon v Brook House; Waltham Abbey v Cockfosters; Willesden v St Margaretsbury.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: *Premier division: Buckingham Athletic v Biggleswade; Royston v Dunstable.*

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton v Elmore.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Dartford v Crockenhill

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division: Cornard v Felixstowe.*

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division; Cowes Sports v Totton, Downton v Horndean, East Cowes v Swanage and Herston.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Wick.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Northampton Spencer v Long Buckby; Wootton v Eynesbury.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Dunston F.B; Eppleton v Murton, Guisborough v Tow Law.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Holker Old Boys v St Helens (7.45); Rossendale v Maine Road.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Belper Town.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second-round replay: Galway v Sligo.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: *Ballyclare v Ards; Bangor v Larne.*

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Omagh.

CENTENARY MATCH: Blackburn v *Accrington Stanley (at Ewood Park, 7.45).*

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Chelsea (at Welling Town, 7.0); Luton v Millwall (at Kenilworth Road, 2.0); Norwich v Oxford Utd. Second division: Bournemouth v Bath; Cheltenham v Cardiff; Hereford v Exeter (7.0); Swansea v Plymouth (2.0); Yeovil v Torquay (7.45).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Burnley v Blackpool (7.15); Huddersfield v Hull (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Grimsby *(at Rotherham F.C., 7.0)*; Preston v Middlesbrough (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth Round: Bristol City v Tottenham Hotspur.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools Football Association Cup: Final: Ardingly v St Bede's (at Fulham FC, 7.45). Merseyside Trophy: Sefton v Chester (at Bootle FC, 7.0). English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-16 Quarter-final: Swindon College v Worcester Sixth Form College (at Duncan Sports Ground, 7.0).

RUGBY UNION

Representative match

East Wales Schools v Japan Schools (at Mountain Ash, 6.30)

Club matches

Neison v Abercynon (7.0)
Newport v Newport and District (7.0)

BUSA TOURNAMENT: Women's final: De Montfort Bedford v Loughborough (Twickenham, 12.30). *Men's final:* West London IHE v Swansea (Twickenham, 3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Featherstone v Widnes ......P
Halifax v Wigan ......P
Leeds v St Helens

Second division

Dewsbury v Keighley (8.0)
Rochdale v Huddersfield

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Hemel v Leicester (8.0); Sunderland v Derby (7.0).

BOWLS: Women's home internationals (Ballymoney).

GOLF: Sunningdale foursomes (Sunningdale).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (Goffs).

SQUASH: British Open (Cardiff).

RADIO CHOICE

Good for the soul, too?

The Art of Travel. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

A spiritual experience can reap financial rewards. They include writing books about it, and being interviewed by Annette Kobak in this off-beat travel series. Jack Hitt is an American journalist. He quit his job and his New York apartment and foot-slogged it for 500 miles across northern Spain to the shrine of St James in Santiago de Compostela. There, he sank on his knees before the saint's statue and wept. A strange thing for an agnostic to do, except that we all know of pilgrims who have found heart's ease at journey's end. Kobak should have asked Hitt whether his pilgrimage continued to benefit him spiritually when he returned to the hurly-burly of civilisation.

Gosling on Main Street. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

More than one Radio 4 listener tucking into a late breakfast will, I suspect, be tucking into a bowlful of what Ray Gosling's programme is about. He is in Battle Creek, midway between Chicago and Detroit, where the Kellogg brothers, J.H. and W.K. lived and worked. The *cornflake* was the brainchild of J.H. It became the cornerstone of his Seventh Day Adventist health centre where the inner man, and woman, felt they were being born again. The corn grains, born again as flakes, were made and marketed by W.K. If heeded, his sales slogan "Give the grocer a wink" would win the winker a free packet of cornflakes. Thus, at a single stroke, both stomach and the community spirit were satisfied.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain: call 01645 288291 **8.30** My Mammy and Me **9.00** Devices and Desires **10.00** Explorer 2 **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Colin Berry **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Shetland Young Heritage in Concert **8.30** Natalie MacMaster **9.00** Black Voices: Presented by Carol Pemberton *9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons* **12.05am** Colin Berry with Night Ride **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine including at: **10.35** Euronews; **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** Roundup of the day's sport **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Nottingham Forest v Leeds; Partick Thistle v Aberdeen **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours, with Carole Malone **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin *5.00 Newshour* **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *The Inseparable Twins* **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Miles Kington **8.30** Megamix **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Country Style **9.30** Contemporaries of Christ *9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01* Omnibus **10.30** Jazz **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** What Is..? **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *The Inseparable Twins 2.45 Good Books 3.00 News 3.15 From* Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Quote, Unquote **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** *News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The* World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack: X-Press **12.00** News **12.15am** The Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Farming **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Cello Concerto No 1 in C) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Show **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Creative Management: Leading from the Front, Facilitating from Behind **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Telemann (Trio Sonata in E flat); Berlioz (Overture: Waverley); John Adams (The Chairman Dances); Dubois (Toccata in G); **8.20** *Purcell Portfolio*: Purcell (A selection of songs); **8.43** Respighi (Fountains of Rome: Berlin PO)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Carver (Missa sine Nomine a 6: The Sixteen)

9.45 Midweek Choice: Liszt (Albumblatt in Walzerform in A); **9.48** *Artist of the Week*: Marie-Claire Alain, organ. Vierne (Carillon de Westminster); **9.55** Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 2 in C); Britten (Hymn to St Peter); J.C. Bach (Sonata in E flat, Op 5 No 4); Mozart (Piano Concerto in E flat); Beethoven (Cavatina, arr for string orchestra from String Quartet, Op 130); Strauss (Three Hymns, Op 71); Bridge (Suite for string orchestra); Janáček (Credo, Glagolitic Mass)

12.00 The BBC Orchestras: Music by Grosz, Korngold, Waxman, Schoenberg, Weill and Gershwin *(r)*

1.00pm Concert Hall: Schumann (Six Songs, Op 59); Hindemith (Six Chansons); Wolf (Sechs Geistliche Lieder); Brahms (Marienlieder, Op 22)

2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Dig It **2.40** Drama Workshop

3.00 Record Review: With Richard Osborne. *Building a Library*: A Thomas Tallis survey *by David Fallows (r)*

4.00 ***Choral Evening Prayer***: Live from the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson investigates the work of the repetiteur

5.15 In Tune: Boyce (Symphony No 4 in F); Holst (Mercury, The Planets); Coates (Springtime in Angus, Suite: Three Elizabeths); MacCunn (Overture: The Land of the Mountain and the Flood)

7.30 Messiaen: BBC Singers under Simon Joly. Messiaen (Cinq rechants); **7.50** Concerto Grossman, by Frederic Raphael, read by John Rowe (r); **8.10** Messiaen (Chants des déportés; Turangalîla-symphonie: Yvonne Loriod, piano; Jeanne Loriod, ondes martinot; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis)

9.45 The Forties: Catalysts: Doron Swade of the Science Museum looks at the first electronic computers

10.05 Concerto Palatino: *Missa primi toni a 12* by Ignazio Donati

10.45 **Night Waves**: *With Michèle* Roberts

11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Mosaïques Quartet performs Schubert (String Quartet in E flat); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in A minor, Op 13)

1.00-2.10 ***Night School***: *Scene on* Radio — *Talking in Whispers* by James Watson: Drama **1.30** German 16+: Deutschlandspiegel

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Tim Haggis **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: With *Times* columnist Libby Purves

10.00-10.30 News; Gosling on Main Street (**FM** only): See *Choice*

10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)

10.15 Something Understood (**LW** only): In a Dark Time. A new spiritual anthology

10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Jenni Murray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time visits the Sawston Horticultural Society (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours: With Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25pm The Chronicles of Clovis: Clovis at the Zoo. Third of a six-part adaptation by Justin Greene of stories by Saki **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: Shoscombe Old Place. Classic mystery by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

2.45 Treasure Islands: Peter White looks at how disability is portrayed in children's fiction

3.00 News; Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of the Oscar-nominated film *The Madness of King George* and a new production of *Die Fledermaus*

4.45 Short Story: The Shining Moment. Delia Corrie reads Roy Kelly's story

5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Counterpoint: Last of three semi-finals in the music quiz, conducted by Ned Sherrin (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Art of Travel: See Choice

7.45 Medicine Now: With Geoff Watts (r)

8.15 Big Bang: Jez Nelson chairs a quiz for Science Week. Scientists Professor Heinz Wolff, Professor Frank Close and Dr Sue Blackmore versus Teresa Gorman, MP and former biology teacher; Phil Hammond, doctor and comedian; and Graeme Garden, writer, comic and doctor

8.45 ***Opera House***: *The* Staatsoper in Vienna

9.30 Kaleidoscope 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Olivia, by Dorothy Bussy. Read by Susan Bovell (3/4)

11.00 Listen to the Cinema! Action, Mystery and Adventure. David Huckvale explores film music (r)

11.30-12.00 The Crusader Chronicles *(FM only)*: Hugh Grant stars in the first of four episodes telling the story of the First Great Crusade (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (**LW** only)

12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** *Weather* **12.33** *Shipping* Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** *only*)

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Hypnotised? Trance would be a fine thing

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

An American police car yodels, swerves and bumps its way through the streets of San Francisco, while a rock beat plays on the soundtrack. Exciting, eh? Suddenly, we find ourselves on the back seat of the car, and unbelievably Paul McKenna is turning round to tell us, through a sinister grille, that we are on our way to see something phenomenal!

Paul McKenna? This must be a surreal dream. That dolphin in the bobble hat will turn up shortly. But it's all true, except the speeding police car is a narrative red herring, and the next scene is a calm account of an interview with a rape victim, who recovers the image of her attacker's face with the aid of hypnosis. Alas, this is **Paul McKenna's Secrets of Hypnosis**, last night's flaky Carlton contribution to *Network First* (ITV), which in case we have forgotten, is a major documentary series. The only plausible explanation for such a travesty is that when it was commissioned, everybody fell mysteriously into a deep, deep trance.

Hypnosis is a trendy subject at the moment, and McKenna certainly covered the ground of this "phenomena" (despite not knowing the singular form of the word). Interspersed with hilarious, unnecessary close-ups of the star presenter, we had sections on mind-bending for all purposes. An academic with a video player explained how political rhetoric cunningly divides our conscious attention. A group of students learnt a technique for speed-reading which bypasses the conscious mind. And a former Moonie explained about brainwashing cult members, to prevent them from leaving. Oh yes, it was phenomena after phenomena, all the way.

Odd that a film about the vastness of the human mind should belittle the intelligence of its viewers; but there you are. Perhaps McKenna should have concentrated on the "fast phobia cure" — a subject more manageable in this format, and more friendly to fancy-that television. In a ten-minute therapy, a man terrified of spiders was encouraged to plant a harmless image of Mister Manylegs in his subconscious. He awoke to find he could cradle an immense furry arachnid in his palms, and smile. Visualisation is a powerful tool, indeed. Visualising Paul McKenna as a dolphin in a bobble hat also works extremely well, I found.

Over on BBC 1, **QED** was having a problem with suggestion, too. The subject was cot death, and having convincingly disproved the *Cook Report*'s famous mattress theory, *QED* firmly pointed the finger of blame for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome at parental smoking. "It is the biggest single risk factor," said a cheerful professor, who has analysed exhaustive statistics. "There is no question." Yet *QED* felt obliged to pull its punches, because it had already established grieving parents Alan and Fran as sympathy figures. They leant their young heads together in intimate close-up, their long hair copper-coloured, a log fire blazing in the background, and tears trickling down their faces. Was *QED* now going to tell us these suffering people were in any way to blame for this awful thing?

No. It wasn't. "No one should *ever* be blamed for the tragedy of a cot death," pronounced the commentary, over footage of a funeral with a heart-breakingly tiny box (during which relatives lit up king-size cigarettes). It was a cop-out, though a cop-out from humane motives. Making the best of its moral quandary, *QED* did what the hypnotists do — it simply divided our attention. On the one hand it encouraged us to feel sympathy and hope for the blameless bereaved, and on the other we learnt the stark fact that the babies of smokers are five times more likely to die.

Did our couple smoke? Not in the same room, they said; but yes, they did. So the viewer was driven to uncomfortable conclusions, even if *QED* was too nice to put them into words. Personally, I felt it put me in a ghastly position of responsibility. The couple, in agony, said, "We need to know for definite that it wasn't something we did, or didn't do." Oh God. No, yes. Yes and no. In the end, I felt like yelling, "Ask them! Don't ask me, ask them!" I always thought "Q.E.D." at the end of theorems meant "all done and dusted". Apparently it doesn't.

For **Omnibus** (BBC 1), the writer Caryl Phillips paid tribute to the soul legend Curtis Mayfield, he of the honey-sweet falsetto and staunch civil rights views, who has been credited (apparently) as "the man who wrote the soundtrack for the Sixties". Since an accident on stage in 1990, Mayfield has been paralysed from the neck down, confined to a wheelchair, and Phillips interviewed him at home in Atlanta — a big man in a check shirt, with friendly round glasses, and a placid temperament. Again the sympathy imperative was in operation: you can't say anything hard about a man who has suffered such tragedy. Is Mayfield as gentle as he presents himself? Well, let's accept it at face value. "It could always be worse," he said, amazingly.

For anyone who had rather lazily supposed the soundtrack of the Sixties wrote itself, Phillips's journey through non-Tamla soul was useful and cool, and left you room to think. Mayfield wrote the lyric "If you had a choice of colours, Which one would you choose, my brothers?" — which isn't quite Longfellow, as his old friend Jerry Butler suggested. But when it's sung in such a sweet inoffensive way by Mayfield, in a voice fashioned for love songs, obviously it could teach even Paul McKenna a thing or two about the power of suggestion.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (63648)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95902006)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5053377)

10.00 News; Regional News and Weather; Weather (Ceefax) (7448358) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (8448261)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (7790025)

12.00 News; Weather; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (1206716)

12.05 CHOICE **Pebble Mill** (s) (7072629)

12.55 Regional News and Weather (15605735)

1.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (11990)

1.30 Neighbours. Annalise and Eliot get too close for Mark's comfort. (s) (Ceefax) (77359209)

1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz with the urbane Henry Kelly. (s) (77353025)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones: Exit from Wickenberg. Light-hearted western adventures (r) (3735025)

3.05 More of . . . Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (s) (5336071)

3.20 NEW **Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade**. Which wines to serve with pudding (s) (6649261)

3.30 Cartoons (2713551) **3.45 Sick as a Parrot** (s) (2718006) **4.00 Jackanory: Billy Pink's Private Detective Agency** (s) (4024377) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (6070735) **4.35 The Really Wild Show**. Michaela Strachan goes north with a family of rare red squirrels. (s) (Ceefax) (1341919)

5.00 Newsround (2039803)

5.05 The Biz. Drama about children at the Markov School of Dance and Drama, with Hannah Lawrence. (s) (Ceefax) (6835551)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (162984)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (241)

6.30 Regional news magazines (551) **Wales** Wales Today (551)

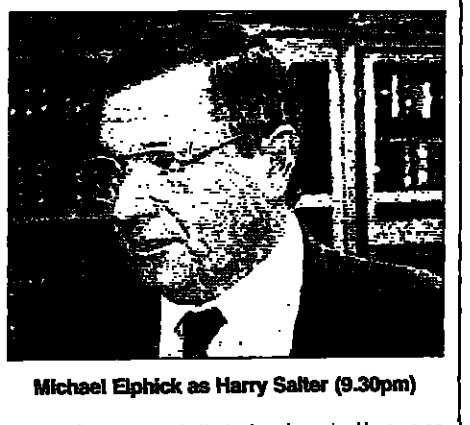
7.00 This is your Life (s) (Ceefax) (6532)

7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs. (735)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen, Carol Smillie and Mickey Hutton pay tribute to acts of courage and kindness. (s) (Ceefax) (493984)

8.50 Points of View. Opinions on the BBC's science programmes.(s) (Ceefax) (637209)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (5025)



Michael Elphick as Harry Salter (9.30pm)

9.30 Harry. Harry suspects that a local criminal known as the Phantom is back in town. (s) (Ceefax) (764006)

10.20 Sportsnight. Tony Gubba introduces a round-up of FA Cup and Premiership action, including Manchester United v Arsenal, plus Formula One racing and a profile on the flat-racer, Celtic Swing. (s) (712174)

12.10 FILM: Al Capone (1959, b/w). Tracing the rise and fall of the most notorious gangster in history. Starring Rod Steiger and Fay Spain. Directed by Richard Wilson. (329252) **1.55 Weather** (6372410) **Northern Ireland** Inside Ulster News (6372410)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Women's Studies. The Body **Social** (7912754) **6.45 Understanding Narrative** (2775938) **7.10 Chris Plantin, Polyglot Printer of Antwerp** (5985984) **7.35 Scotland in the Enlightenment** (5668209)

8.00 Breakfast News (Signed and Ceefax) (6332919) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Trevor Phillips** (s) (4740342) **9.00 Quinze Minutes** (5021984) **9.15 Focus** (s) (7737667) **9.25 Study Ireland** (s) (5024071) **9.45 Storytime** (5279445)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (8466667) **10.25 Watch: Homes across Europe**. School life in Greece (s) (Ceefax) (1596551) **10.40 Around Scotland** (s) (4711087) **Northern Ireland** Ulster in Focus (s)

11.00 Cats' Eyes (6144087) **11.15 Teaching Today** (331396) **11.45 Developing World** (9948193) **12.10pm The Geography Programme** (5718174) **12.30 Working Lunch** (85174) **1.00 The German Collection** (57661445) **1.25 Zig Zag** (s) (87365087) **1.45 You and Me** (25936735) **2.00 The Greedysaurus Gang** (r) (s) (65587735) **2.05 Spider** (r) (s) (65586006)

2.10 Songs of Praise (r) (s) (Ceefax) (2457223)

2.45 Treasures of the Trust (r) (6171416)

3.00 News; Weather; Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (4931551) **3.50 News; Weather; Regional News and Weather** (Ceefax) (8620445) **4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (464)

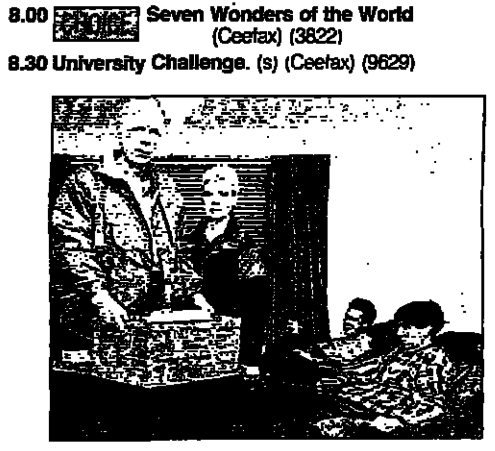
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (648) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (s) (Ceefax) (3716006)

5.40 One Lump or Two? (226261)

6.00 Star Trek — The Next Generation (s) (Ceefax) (160938) **6.45 Natural Born Footballers** (s) (Ceefax) (669613) **7.00 Churchill: To Conquer or to Die** (r) (Ceefax) (3919)

8.00 CHOICE **Seven Wonders of the World** (Ceefax) (3822)

8.30 University Challenge. (s) (Ceefax) (9629)



The Harrison family's hideaway (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Modern Times: Weekenders** (s) (Ceefax) (227919)

9.50 Russian Wonderland (Ceefax) (855919)

10.00 Room 101. . Followed by Conundrum. (Ceefax) (r) (s) (79025)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (311358)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (299822) **11.55 Weatherview** (802648) **12.00 Health and Disease: Therapies on Trial** (Ceefax) (4059965) **12.25am Data-based Aids** (9833385) **12.50-1.20 The Record** (s) (4134491) **2.00 Night School: Primary Science** (52255) **4.00 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today** (r) (13909762). Ends at **4.15**

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CHOICE

Modern Times: Weekenders
BBC2, 9.00pm

It might be the country cottage with the thatched roof and roses round the door or a caravan or a small house by the seaside. The function is the same, to offer a peaceful weekend retreat from the bustle of the city. But Lucy Blakstad's enjoyable film is much more a study of people than buildings and she has assembled a diverse cast. Businessman Ivan is so glad to get away from London that he adopts a different personality, swopping his Ferrari for a Morris Minor and calling himself Ken. For George Harrison the weekend trip to his country caravan transforms a taciturn loner into a gregarious Mr Nice Guy. But there is a dissenter. After 30 years Stephen has had his fill of country life and is moving back to the smoke.

Miriam Rothschild is in awe of nature (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Seven Wonders of the World
BBC2, 8.00pm

The latest of many variations on *Desert Island Discs* is introduced, appropriately, by Sue Lawley and the subjects are scientists. They are invited to choose not eight records but seven things that leave them helplessly in awe. The project gets off to a lively start in the company of the naturalist Miriam Rothschild. In her eighties she might be, but her enthusiasm for nature, and indeed life in general, is still formidable. Among her wonders are the Jungfrau in Switzerland and Jerusalem glimpsed through a sandstorm. But most of her other choices emerge from her lifelong passion for natural history. They include ear mites which live in the ear of the tiger moth and the curious jumping ability of the flea.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A trenchant contribution to the Channel 4 *Whose News?* season asks whether radio and television news agendas have become too dominated by politicians, government information services and lobby groups. It suggests that much political news is not news at all but stories concocted by parties and lobbyists. To test these assertions, the programme follows one important story through a day's news bulletins, looks at political reporting and examines coverage of a charity's publicity campaign. Sir Bernard Ingham, press secretary to Mrs Thatcher at 10 Downing Street, offers a typically robust comment. "Of course I was trying to manage the news," he admits, "I only wish I could have succeeded more often."

Pebble Mill
BBC1, 12.05pm

The midday show comes not, as it usually does, from Birmingham, England, but Nashville, Tennessee, and is a celebration of country and western music. Ross King is the host for an accessible skim through the genre which takes in the Grand Ole Opry and its famous radio show, Studio B on Music Row where Elvis Presley and the Everly Brothers recorded their first hit singles and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Among the stars on parade are the well-established Tammy Wynette and Chet Atkins and the emerging Billy Ray Cyrus. It is surprising, perhaps, to learn that what seems like the most American of popular music forms is rooted in the folk songs of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (7331613)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game with Ted Robbins (s) (3849445) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8443716)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place. Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7578396)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (26135667) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1122700)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2774483)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2759174) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (57666990)

1.55 Capital Woman. Topical magazine presented by Anneka Rice (s) (35536483) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (74303464) **2.50 Blue Heelers**. Rural Australian police drama series (7821938)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6650377) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6659648)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (2724667) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (8628087) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (8238025) **4.20 Brill**. (Teletext) (s) (8740803) **4.40 Cone Zone**. (Teletext) (s) (9698261)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. (Teletext) (6829990)

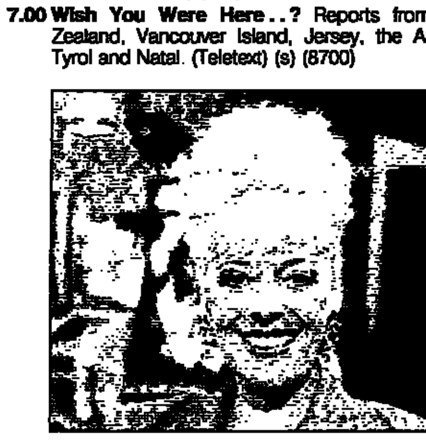
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (509006)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (335984)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (667)

6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (919)

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Reports from New Zealand, Vancouver Island, Jersey, the Austrian Tyrol and Natal. (Teletext) (s) (8700)



Julie Goodyear: the rover returns (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (803)

8.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing (1987) starring Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze and Jerry Orbach. A drama about a pampered 17-year-old who learns about love and dancing while on a family holiday in the Catskill Mountains. Directed by Emile Ardolino. (Teletext) (s) (85974754)

9.55 The Exchange (r) (s) (850464)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (66551) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (416445)

10.40 FILM: False Witness (1989) starring Phylicia Rashad and Philip Michael Thomas. A made-for-television thriller about the murder of a television chat show hostess. (12497919)

12.40am Alien Nation (s) (1620762)

1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (2794965)

2.05 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (6489120)

3.00 The Album Show featuring Stevie Wonder (s) (9296830)

4.05 Shift (2872588)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (7382743)

5.30 ITN Morning News (23946). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (2779754) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (38613) **9.00 You Bet Your Life** (r) (s) (70700)

9.30 Schools: Living and Growing (5147716) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5160687) **10.02** Stage two Science (6703551) **10.18** The Jacobites (6799358) **10.40** Living with Technology (4510261) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6959174) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6501754) **11.15** The Music Show (6152006) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4777483) **11.45** First Edition (4772938)

12.00 House to House. (63464)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Michael Chang and Cab Calloway (23087) **1.30 Take 5** featuring *Mister Men, Tales From the Riverbank, Natalie, Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (98223)

2.00 Profiles Of Nature: Life in a Pond (r) (8754)

2.30 FILM: Larry (1974) starring Frederic Forrest and Tyne Daly. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about a man who spends the first 26 years of his life in institutions after being mistakenly diagnosed as retarded. Directed by William A. Graham (66735)

4.00 Journeyman. Clive Gunnell visits Moreton and Badbury Rings. (Teletext) (s) (532)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (716)

5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (8764193)

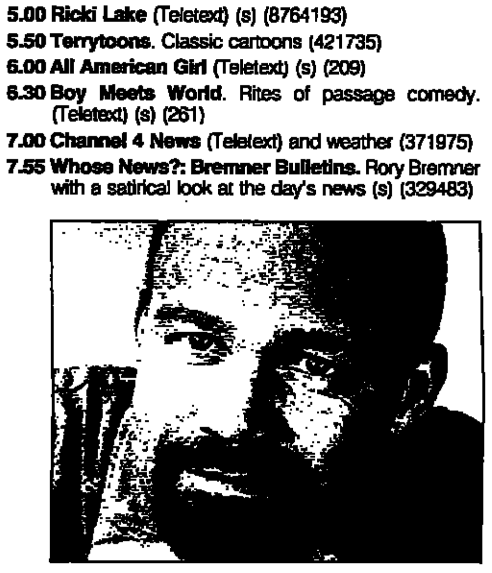
5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (421735)

6.00 All American Girl (Teletext) (s) (209)

6.30 Boy Meets World. Rites of passage comedy. (Teletext) (s) (261)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (371975)

7.55 Whose News?: Bremner Bulletins. Rory Bremner with a satirical look at the day's news (s) (329483)



Mick (Louis Emerick) takes control (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. The close is still in the grip of the mystery virus. (Teletext) (s) (8990)

8.30 The Real Holiday Show. Reports from couples visiting Turkey, China and Skye. (Teletext) (s) (7025)

9.00 CHOICE **Whose News?: Dispatches**. (Teletext) (400700)

9.45 Out of Order. The last to be trapped in the lift are Anna Pasternak, an advocate of alternative medicine, and Dr Phil Hammon, who believes it is rubbish. (Teletext) (s) (871822)

10.00 ER. American hospital drama series. (Teletext) (s) (375396)

10.55 The Best of the Tube featuring The Beat, Madonna, Alison Moyet, Tom Robinson and William Shatner (s) (681754)

11.30 Moviewatch. Film magazine (r) (s) (92377)

12.00 Whose News?: And Finally. The second of the week's series on how the day's news could be interpreted from an alternative point of view. With Sheena McDonald (79762)

1.00am The White Room. Mark Radcliffe presents the talents of Stevie Wonder (r) (s) (8914385)

2.05 FILM: Address Unknown (1944, b/w). Paul Lukas stars as a German-American who becomes a Nazi. William Cameron Menzies directs (1431033). Ends **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77347464) **2.20** Gardening Time (74395445) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7821938) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6829990) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (314342) **10.40** Tricks of the Trade (43756321) **12.25am** Alien Nation (8476014) **1.20** Hollywood Report (4296675) **1.50** America's Top Ten (5756694) **2.20** Shift (5531120) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3892656) **4.05** Adventure (83747439) **4.25** The Time . the Place (3661491) **5.00-5.30** The Munsters Today (97168)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77347464) **2.20** Gardening Time (74395445) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7821938) *3.25-3.30 Central News (6659648)* **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6829990) **6.25-7.00** Central News (314342) **10.40** Central Sports Special (810714) **11.40-12.40pm** The Equalizer (298613) **3.55am** Profile (59722304) **4.05** Jobfinder (7184507) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7856472)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2759174) **1.25** Home and Away (87376193) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (6775483) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (7821938) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6829990) **6.25** Granada Tonight (314342) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here ^ (8700) **8.00** Dirty Dancing (85974754) **9.55-10.00** The Exchange (850464) **10.40** Being There (883174) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (336716) **12.05am** Disaster Chronicles (8587634) **12.40** Alien Nation (1620762) **1.35** Hollywood Report (2794965) **2.05** The Beat (6489120) **3.00** The Album Show (9296830) **4.05** Shift (2872588) **4.55-5.30** The Time . the Place (7382743)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Good Health! (35536483) **2.25** Good Advice (74394716) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7737919) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6829990) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (919) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (416445) **10.40-12.40pm** Peter Gunn (12497919)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (8443716) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1122700) **1.55-2.25** The Really Helpful Programme (35536483) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (6659648) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (919) **10.30** HTV Wales News (416445) **10.40** Championship Boxing (810714) **11.40-12.40am** The Equalizer (298613)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8443716) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1122700) **1.55** A Country Practice (77347464) **2.20** True . But Strange (74395445) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7821938) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6659648) **5.10** Home and Away (6829990) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (4288481) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (667) **6.30-7.00** The Village (919) **10.40** BL Stryker - Winner Takes All (43756321) **12.25am** Alien Nation (8476014) **1.20** Hollywood Report (4296675) **1.50** America's Top Ten (5756694) **2.20** Shift (5531120) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (3892656) **4.05** Adventure (83747439) **4.25** The Time . the Place (3661491) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (97168)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (35536483) **2.25-2.55** Great House Cookery (74394716) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6659648) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6829990) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (97919) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (416445) **10.40** The Equalizer (810714) **11.40-12.40pm** Donahue (298613)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77347464) **2.20** The Restaurant Show (74395445) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7821938) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6829990) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (798735) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (919) **10.30** Calendar (416445) **10.40** Street Legal (687713) **11.35** Killer Fish (770483) **1.30am** Hollywood Report (55168) **2.00** Videofashion (64746) **2.30** The Album Show (739121) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (8765365) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (1772149)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38613) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (70700) **9.30** Ysgolion (171754) **12.00pm** House To House (63464) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (48782) **1.00** Sesame Street (49975) **2.00** Food File (8754) **2.30** Treasure Of The Golden Condor (40834261) **4.10** The Three Stooges (6072193) **4.30** The Cosby Show (716) **5.00** 5 Pump (7825280) **5.15** 5 Pump (6616532) **5.30** Countdown (396) **6.00** Newyddion (157648) **6.15** Heno (559311) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6342) **7.30** Nil Am Nossn (445) **8.00** Amser Rhyfel A r y Cefnfor (8990) **8.30** Newyddion (7025) **9.00** Tydi Coleg Yn Grêt (8735) **9.30** Rap (90006) **10.00** Brookside (84193) **10.30** ER (887731) **11.25** Dispatches (830613) **12.10am** The Golden Girls (4063168) **12.40** Ellen (4139946)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (44025) **6.30** My Little Pony (34377) **7.00** The Incredible Hulk (67193) **7.30** Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad (73700) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (11025) **8.30** Blockbusters (10396) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (20445) **10.00** Concentration (25629) **10.30** Card Sharks (90632) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (62648) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (18984) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (30648) **1.00** St Elsewhere (28803) **2.00** The Freemantle Conspiracy (26358) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (6965667) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4873735) **3.55** Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad (9430025) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2844) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1629) **6.00** Murphy Brown (8629) **6.30** Family Ties (2209) **7.00** Rescue (2358) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1193) **8.00** Robocop (65358) **9.00** Picket Fences. Return of the offbeat drama series, with Tom Skerritt and Kathy Baker (78832) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (88209) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (590938) **11.50** Littlejohn (275377) **12.40am** Chances (3068656) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (65743) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9568192)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1106071) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (64700) **10.30** ABC Nightline (98174) **11.00** News and Business (607754) **1.30pm** CBS News (73667) **2.30** Parliament Live (614919) **5.00** Live at Five (8115261) **6.05** Littlejohn (19002342) **7.30** O.J Simpson Trial (2797087) **11.30** CBS News (25174) **12.30am** ABC News (10168) **1.30** Fashion TV (53830) **2.30** Parliament (52101) **4.30** CBS News (80472) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (65946)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1056071) **10.00 Nurses on the Line** (1993) (34464) **12.00 Mystery Mansion** (1983) (23261) **2.00pm The Film Flam Man** (1967) (62261) **4.00 Dream Chasers** (1965) (3261) **6.00 Nurses on the Line** (1993) As 10am (82025) **8.00 Mistress** (1992) (81342) **10.00 Indian Summer** (1993) (327532) **11.40 Secret Games II: The Escort** (1993) (997358) **1.15am Fatal Friendship** (1992) (819588) **2.45 The Beast Within** (1981) (950651) **4.20-6.00 Mystery Mansion** (1983). As noon (826526)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Misfits (1961) Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable (36588919) **8.05 Reds** (1981) Warren Beatty and Diane Keaton (38146613) **11.15-12.20am Journey into Fear** (1942) Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles (575377)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Just for You (1952) (84803) **8.00 Vincent and Me** (1990) (31280) **10.00 Hong Kong** (1951) (32006) **12.00 The Pleasure of His Company** (1961) (21803) **2.00pm The Great Missouri Raid** (1950) (60803) **4.00 Vincent and Me** (1990). As 8am (84693280) **5.55 Guinevere** (1993) (27128464) **7.30 Special Feature**. Wesley Snipes's action film, *Drop Zone* (4803) **8.00 Without Warning: Terror in the Towers** (1993) (89984) **10.00 Last Action Hero** (1993) (24835377) **12.10am Gladiator** (1992) (559781) **1.55 Only You** (1992) (183287) **3.30-5.20 Inserts** (1975) (359149)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4595087) **7.15** WWF Superstars (472377) **8.15** Soccer News (2518716) **8.30** Tartan Extra (90551) **9.30** Aerobics (69087) **10.00** Rugby (69087) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (8004087) **11.15** Fish Tales (7738551) **11.30** Snowboard (79087) **12.00** Aerobics (98777) **12.30pm** Tartan Extra (18754) **1.30** Snooker (225209) **4.30** Stunts (4464) **5.00** WWF Challenge (7445) **6.00** Soccer (237483) **6.15** Fish Tales (232938) **6.30** Golf (6209) **7.00** F.A Cup Sixth-Round Replay, Live (856613) **10.00** Soccer (643261) **10.15** Rugby (983613) **11.15** Golf (129648) **11.45** Fish Tales (560025) **12.00-2.00am** F.A Cup Sixth-Round Replay (55120)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (91938) **8.30** Euroski (92919) **9.30** Figure Skating (83735) **11.30** Gymnastics (58551) **1.00pm** Snooker (69358) **2.30** Skiing (59280) **3.30** Equestrianism (38006) **4.30** Mountainbike (93648) **5.30** Trial (73358) **6.30** News (1377) **7.00** Boxing (16483) **9.00** Motors Magazine (25754) **10.00** Formula One (22613) **11.00** Equestrianism (12687) **12.00** News (76089)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4958613) **8.30** Peyton Place (4957984) **9.00** As the World Turns (4163342) **10.00** Guiding Light (9530629) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9543193)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (4951700) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1257754) **1.00** Colorado River (9554209) **1.30** Cook Italian (1256025) **2.00** California's Gold (7810648) **2.30** Ticket to Paradise (4583754) **3.00** Discover America (4564919) **4.00** Travel Guide (4874006) **4.30** Zoo Life (4663990) **5.00** Travel Guides (7721700) **5.30** Cook Italian (4581342) **6.00** Globetrotter (4684483) **6.30** Colorado Gold (4875735) **7.00** Over the Wall in China (5546822) **8.00** Around the World (7727984) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (7819919) **9.00** Globetrotter (4572938) **9.30** Colorado Gold (1237980) **10.00** China (5545193) **11.00** Travel Guides (4577483) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (4192990)

Picket Fences returns for a new series (Sky One, 9.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Painting (2811716) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5022532) **10.00** J'Accuse St Pauls (2843990) **10.30** Only Human (1111193) **11.30** Thank You, Mr Croft (5665795) **12.00** Guides (5045483) **1.00pm** Madeleine Cooks (8411754) **1.30** Painting (5032919) **2.00** Jimmy's (2913209) **2.30** Cash in Hand (1969087) **3.00** Herbs (2992716) **3.30-4.00** It's a Vet's Life (1964532)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8318613) **7.30** Neighbours (8400648) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2823551) **8.30** EastEnders (2822822) **9.00** The Bill (2813174) **9.30** Campion (5832358) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (1113551) **11.30** Terry and June (3765713) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2833938) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5035006) **1.00** EastEnders (8317984) **1.30** The Bill (5034377) **2.00** Bless This House (2915567) **2.30** Brush Strokes (1961445) **3.00** Knots Landing (5660349) **4.00** Dallas (6115434) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9603938) **5.35** The Dick Emery Show (4586498) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4799667) **6.30** EastEnders (1966754) **7.00** Brush Strokes (2919483) **7.30** Bless This House (1982938) **8.00** Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ (2995803) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (2914938) **9.00** Miss Marple (9611396) **10.00** The Bill (2834687) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7525822) **11.10** The Young Ones (5515280) **11.50** Dr Who. The Ambassadors of Death (6935629) **12.20am** FILM: Killer Party (1986): The ghost of a murdered student wreaks havoc at a college bash (9583168) **2.00** Shopping (3342439)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (8975087) **6.55** Garfield (7435261) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6423822) **7.55** Degrassi (7687254) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4382648) **8.45** Casper (1681551) **9.00** Sesame Street (17919) **10.00** Droibee Time (72087) **12.00** Garfield (67687) **12.30pm** Eek (96667) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (60071) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83479377) **1.45** Baby Follies (83467532) **2.00** Barney (8716) **2.30** Babar (5358) **3.00** Casper (1611396) **3.15** Bill and Ted (392532) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (391803) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1217919) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8822)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelvel (4593629) **7.15** Pee-Wee (427667) **7.45** Rugrats (426938) **8.15** Doug (415342) **8.45** Nickelive! (8228396) **9.00** Nick Jr (290648) **12.00** Pee-Wee (98759) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (38629) **1.00** Smoggies (20844) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (57700) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (2700) **2.30** Galaxy High School (9342) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (4735) **3.30** Turtles Gold (4087) **4.00** Doug (6822) **4.30** Rugrats (2006) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (9280) **5.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (3358) **6.00** Grimmy (5311) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7551)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Waterways (1983667) **4.30** Held in Trust (1972551) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (2997261) **5.30** Terra X (8743377) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4387532) **7.00** Predators (9613754) **8.00** Invention (2993445) **8.30** Nature Watch (2905280) **9.00** Magic or Medicine? (9619938) **10.00** Outlaws (9612025) **11.00-12.00** Christmas Star (8498803)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Daybreak (1946) (6899209) **1.30pm** Smothers Brothers (5029445) **2.00** The Avengers (2848445) **3.00** The Rat Patrol (2816342) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1968358) **4.00** FILM: Time Travellers (1964) (6872532) **5.30** Drama Classics (1967629) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (1884342) **6.30** Cannon (1168667) **7.30** Scotland Yard (1977006) **8.00** The Avengers (9513700) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (2410828) **9.30** FILM: Endless Night (1972): Agatha Christie thriller with Hayley Mills (5697938) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (2763700)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6899648) **7.00** Living Magazine (8307006) **8.00** Signs of the Times (1883367) **8.30** Bon Voyage (2233808) **9.00** Bazaar (7087700) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7174174) **10.05** Now You See It (3081290) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (1687764) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7801261) **12.00** Take Six Cooks (6264551) **12.35pm** Bon Voyage (48058629) **1.05** Kilroy (6001174) **2.00** Agony Hour (1781822) **3.00** Living Magazine (7314984) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65987629) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9004803) **4.30** Crosswits (9000087) **5.00** A Taste of Wales (3153700) **5.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7833280) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8173754) **6.30** Infatuation (9005532) **7.00** Living Magazine (9564006) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9563754) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (9543990) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (9553377) **11.00** Sex Life (1253984) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1786377)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (2398) **5.30** Cliff Hanger (9174) **6.00** Big Dish (426700) **6.25** All Clued Up (121209) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2532) **7.30** My Two Dads (9551) **8.00** Avonlea (52822) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mystery (62209) **11.00** Lou Grant (50648) **12.00** Rhoda (46859) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (27236) **1.00** Dangermouse (23694) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (66697) **2.00** Bordertown (96675) **2.30** Black Stallion (79110) **3.00** Lou Grant (50781) **4.00** Rhoda (10255) **4.30** Big Brother Jake (11859)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (79217) **6.30** The Grind (23006) **7.00** Wildside (51990) **8.00** VJ Ingo (104377) **11.00** Soul (68613) **12.00** Greatest Hits (77532) **1.00** The Afternoon Mix (884716) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (2479795) **3.45** Cinematic (6976700) **4.00** News (1229754) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1219377) **4.30** Dial MTV (6880) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (40990) **7.00** Greatest Hits (45532) **8.00** Most Wanted (74716) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (78261) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (187280) **10.15** Cinematic (182735) **10.30** News (249735) **10.45** 3 from 1 (237990) **11.00** The End? (22025) **1.00am** Soul (89897) **2.00** The Grind (98033) **2.30** Night Videos (9170472)

VH-1

7.00am Wreckage (9546280) **9.00** Café VH-1 (8795342) **12.00** The Bridge (1245919) **1.00pm** VH-1 to 1 (9556667) **1.30** Ten of the Best (9270464) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3275342) **3.30** Into the Music (1789713) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1234803) **7.00** VH-1 for You (5548280) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (5451700) **9.00** Ten of the Best (5544464) **10.00** The Bridge (5547551) **11.00** VH-1 to 1. Elvis Costello (4473613) **11.30** The Nightfly (4240445) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (5359946) **2.30** Dawn Patrol (5883435)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **4.00** CMT Delivery Room **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (80180990) **8.30** Kabir (75576358) **9.00** Business (75590938) **9.30** Itta Kitta (81416532) **10.00** Film (49885716) **10.30** Vedia Vaku (75589822) **11.00** Galaxee (34080716) **11.30** Baap Re Baap (34081445) **12.00** Theatre (75570174) **12.30pm** Khane Khazana (81427648) **1.00** Tamil FILM (29762006) **4.00** Mujrim Haazir (78324087) **4.30** Kab Tak Pukaroon (78240071) **5.00** Udan Choo (92077667) **5.30** Zee and You (78337551) **6.00** Gaane Anjaane (78334464) **6.30** Khel (78325716) **7.00** Zara Hat Ke (92057803) **7.30** Saanp Seedi (78241700) **8.00** News (92066551) **8.30** Banegi (92052358) **9.00-12.00** Pakistani FILM (78531498)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Corn is Green (1945) (16327025) **9.00 Devil's Doorway** (1950) (76844990) **11.00 Jack the Ripper** (1959) (17303025) **12.35am The Crooked Sky** (1957) (42713439) **2.00 Hide-Out** (1934) (15058120) **3.30-5.00 The Man Without a Face** (1935) (31436014)

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Liverpool capture Kennedy for £2m

Rush: one-year contract

By Peter Ball

LIVERPOOL yesterday became the first of football's big spenders to act *before the transfer deadline tomorrow* when they beat Blackburn Rovers to the signature of Mark Kennedy, the Ireland under-21 international, from Millwall. Kennedy will cost them £2 million.

By recent standards that is small *change but, in their old tradition*, Liverpool are buying potential. "He is a buy for the future, but that doesn't mean he can't force himself into the side much earlier," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "He's got the talent to do so. He can *play wide on the left or up front*. He's comfortable on the ball and can score goals."

Kennedy, 18, has made a considerable impression since earning a regular place for Millwall this season and caught the eye of a wider audience when he scored a fine individual goal to help to end Arsenal's interest in the FA Cup.

Until Liverpool made a late move, Kennedy had seemed set to join Blackburn for £1.75 million, but Liverpool's decision to make a higher bid tilted the balance and made a young Irishman and his father very happy. "I have supported *Liverpool since I was a boy*, and my dad is a fanatic," Kennedy said. "There has always been a strong Irish connection with the club and, if I can follow in the footsteps of Ronnie Whelan and Steve Staunton, I shall be ecstatically happy."

As it is, he seemed pleased to meet a Welshman. "I'm a massive fan of Ian Rush — I've got several of his videos," Kennedy said. "He's a legend, one of Europe's greatest ever centre forwards. I met him for the first time today. It was an honour, but now I might partner him."

As if such admiration was not enough, Rush had another reason *for feeling pleased yesterday*, having finally agreed a new contract. Rush had originally wanted a two-year deal, but has agreed a one-year contract, believed to take him into the £10,000-a-week bracket. "Hopefully, I can do enough to persuade them to offer me another one in 12 *months' time*," Rush said.

Manchester United, whose hopes of a third successive championship were dented by their 2-0 defeat at Anfield on Sunday, will know after tonight's sixth-round replay whether Crystal Palace or Wolverhampton Wanderers *stand between them* and a return to Wembley in the FA Cup Final. Their fate in the Premiership may remain in the balance longer but, if they do not beat Arsenal tonight, their chances of retaining the title will be slim.

United's failure to beat Tottenham a week ago, compounded by the result at Anfield, has put Blackburn *into pole position*. Arsenal's recent results suggest that victory should not be beyond United, but the London club's win in Auxerre and a determined performance in defeat at Newcastle on Sunday indicate that Arsenal may at last be putting their unhappy winter behind them.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, is unhappy with *his side's stuttering form. The* frittering of chances, and hence points, against Tottenham and the *lack of penetration against* Liverpool suggest that they are now feeling the loss of Cantona. "This club's gone beyond being a one-man team, as it was with Bryan Robson when I got here," Ferguson said. "But in the really crucial moments of games, like the Blackburn game at home, when you need someone to prise it open, Eric Cantona is the *best in the business.*"

If United should fail tonight, the FA Cup will be their best hope of a trophy. The performance of the respective strikers may determine who they meet at Villa Park, the return of Steve Bull giving Graham Taylor some optimism while Alan Smith will be looking to Chris Armstrong to show the doubters that his £5 million tag was not unrealistic. *John Humphrey, the* former Wolverhampton full back, is in line for a recall against his old club.

Failure by Manchester United would also encourage Newcastle United and Liverpool. "I still believe we have a chance of finishing second," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said yesterday as his side prepared *for the visit to* Southampton, who are in more desperate need of points. A Newcastle win coupled with a defeat for Manchester United would put Newcastle only four points behind United with a match in hand. Newcastle have Howey back after a two-match ban.

Liverpool go to Tottenham without Barnes and Rush, but Jones returns after suspension. Evans insisted that revenge for their FA Cup exit mattered less than acquir*ing three more points towards* European qualification.

Photograph 37
Gallen called up 37

Scottish clubs snub restructuring plan

By Our Sports Staff

THE latest attempt to restructure the Scottish League collapsed yesterday when Nigel Squire, the Dundee director, said he had abandoned his *efforts to bring about an* extraordinary general meeting of clubs to launch a new set-up for next season. He said he had failed to muster the 59 votes required, out of 78 available, to bring about im*mediate change*.

Squire began his campaign for reconstruction almost a fortnight ago when he sent letters to the 40 Scottish League clubs. He said that five out of 20 clubs in the top two divisions had not bothered to reply.

Scotland's four divisions of ten were introduced only this season and the new set-up was intended to last for at least five years. Under the new struc*ture there might have been* three divisions, with 16, 12 and 12 clubs respectively. Premier division clubs have four votes, the first division clubs two and 18 of the 20 second and third division clubs one each. Ross County and Caledonian Thistle, who joined the league this season, do not yet have a vote.

The decision might be of significance to Aberdeen, whose top-flight status is on the line this season. Change by next season has been suggested in some quarters as a way *to preserve Aberdeen's place* in the premier division, should they finish bottom or lose the relegation play-off after finishing ninth.

Squire said: "It got off to a flier then became lukewarm *and has now gone cold*. I've got nowhere near enough votes to call an EGM, which I understand would have to have been done by the end of March. There are possibly around 41 when 59 are needed. *I won't be taking it any further* myself because so many clubs didn't even bother to reply to my letter."

He said three premier division clubs did not respond, while two were against *change. Five were in favour of* changing the structure. "In the first division, eight clubs out of ten were pro-change but two didn't get back to me," Squire said.

More than a handful of *lower division clubs* also snubbed Squire's request for clubs' views. "If there is a lack of interest from clubs then perhaps that says it all. I only set about trying to find out what they thought because so many people are saying that something must be done to *improve Scottish football.*

"Journalists, fans and those in football themselves are complaining about the quality of our games week after week. But it seems some find it easier to shout about things in news*papers than reply* to a letter.

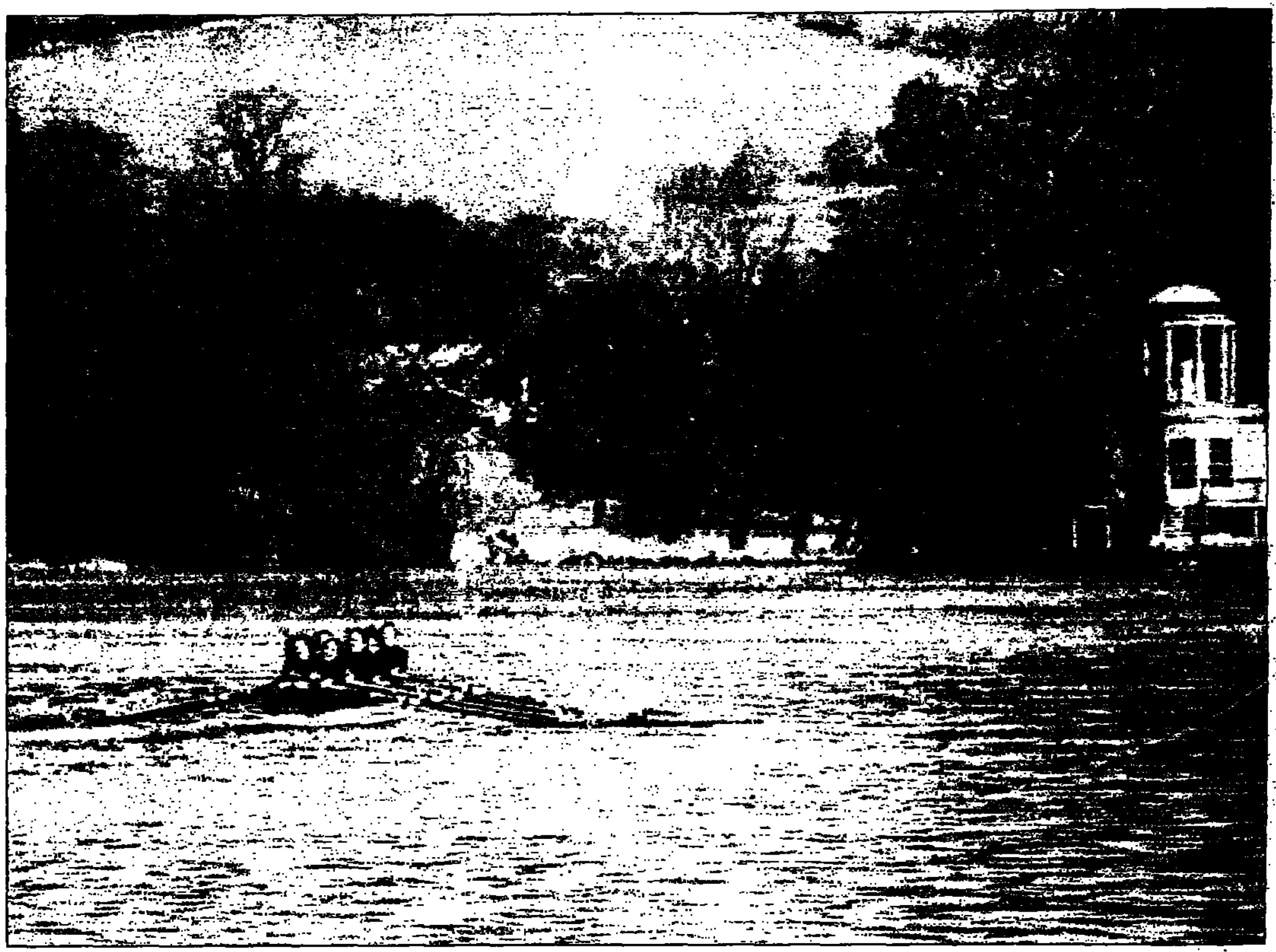
"Everyone on the Dundee board has a business to run himself so I've not got the time or the inclination to chase this up. The Hearts chairman, Chris Robinson, seems to have taken it up but I fear he may ultimately come up against the same apathy as I did."

Robinson, who has been chairman at Tynecastle for less than year, has already held one informal meeting, *attended by six premier divi*sion club chairmen.

But the Rangers owner, David Murray, for one, is against any revamp, saying it would make Scottish football "a laughing-stock" and point*ing to the £28 million landed* in sponsorship under the new set-up.

Today Motherwell have the chance to trim Rangers' lead at the top of the premier division to nine points when *they meet* Hibernian. The game kicks off at 3.30pm because the Easter Road floodlights have bulldozed for redevelopment work.

Calm finish to Oxford's late preparation


The Oxford University women's eight trains on the Thames at Henley yesterday for the women's boat race on *Sunday*. *Photograph*: Tim Ockenden

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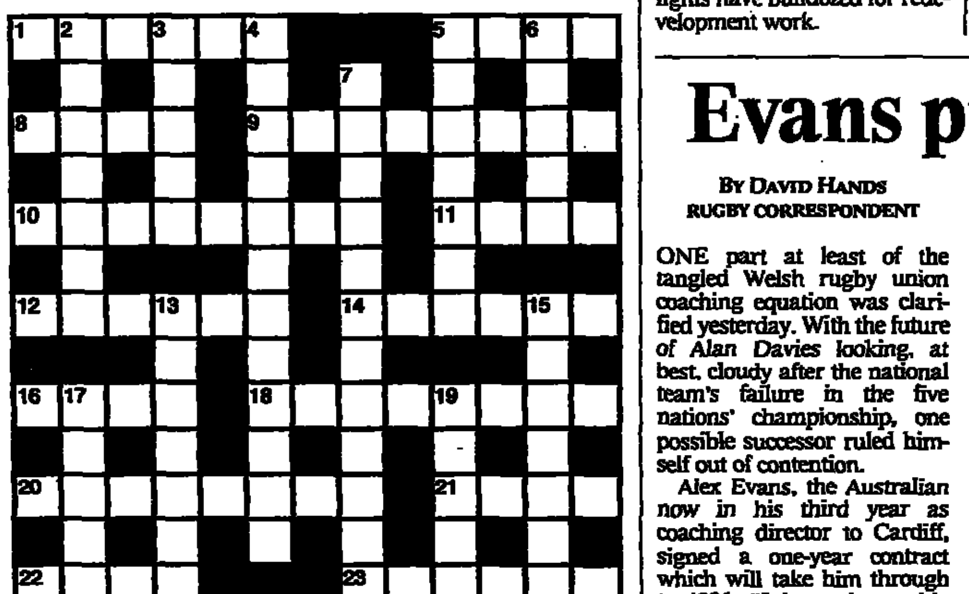

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- 1 Hilaire —, *Cautionary Tales* author (6)
- 5 Tree trunk (4)
- 8 Avoid; parade-ground command (4)
- 9 Painstaking (8)
- 10 The whole crew (3,5)
- 11 Unit of heredity (4)
- 12 Not tampered with; complete (6)
- 14 Defeat by intelligence (6)
- 16 Fish; daily; drink (4)
- 18 Source of help; right to payment (8)
- 20 Writer of music (8)
- 21 Bugle call; bathroom fitting (4)
- 22 Hello there on board! (4)
- 23 Quick (6)

DOWN
- 2 Stepped formation; level of hierarchy (7)
- 3 Midday meal (5)
- 4 Spirited competitive exchange (3,3,6)
- 5 Conveyed (7)
- 6 Rocking stone (5)
- 7 Unstable, flimsy construction (5,2,5)
- 13 Wither from disuse (7)
- 15 Lacking flavour (7)
- 17 Illicit brew (5)
- 19 Release (knot) (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 425

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Evans puts himself out of running

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ONE part at least of the tangled Welsh rugby union coaching equation was clarified yesterday. With the future *of Alan Davies* looking, at best, cloudy after the national team's failure in the five nations' championship, one possible successor ruled himself out of contention.

Alex Evans, the Australian *now in his third year as* coaching director to Cardiff, signed a one-year contract which will take him through *to 1996*. "*I have thoroughly* enjoyed my time at Cardiff and seeing the improvement in the team's performances," Evans said. "There is still much to achieve and I will strive to ensure that the play*ers fulfil their potential.*"

Evans's striving thus far has persuaded the Wales selectors to cap eight of his players this season, though it was the *demotion of two of them* — Derwyn Jones and Hemi Taylor — which caused a rift in the selectorial ranks before the defeat by Ireland on Saturday. Evans and the New Zealander, John Hart, were the two *overseas names canvassed as* alternatives to Davies but there may still be a belief among members of the Welsh *Rugby Union that they are* capable of producing their own coach.

Evans: staying at Cardiff

This season Cardiff lead the Heineken League and remain cup contenders. They will be relieved that Evans, assistant *coach to the 1984 Australians* who toured Britain, has chosen to stay with them, though he has turned aside speculation about the national positions. "As far as I am concerned, Davies is the Wales coach and Bob Norster the team manager," Evans said.

Pontypridd, the main threat *to Cardiff's pursuit of the* league title, play Northern Transvaal in Pretoria today. Their full squad, including Neil Jenkins, the Welsh stand-off half, has travelled to South Africa and will be back to play *Old Illtydians in the sixth* round of the Swalec Cup on Saturday.

Jim Fleming, the Edinburgh official who handled matches in both *the 1987* and *1991* World Cups, has been appointed for the 1995 tournament. Scotland, the last of the home unions to nominate their referees for South Africa, have also appointed Ken McCartney.

Bath will be without several of their regular side for the vital Courage Clubs Championship match away to Wasps on Saturday. Victor Ubogu and Jeremy Guscott are in Hong Kong on business while Adedayo Adebayo is a member of England's Hong Kong Sevens squad and Jon Hall is resting.

Dave Hilton is out for four weeks with a rib injury sustained during the grand-slam decider on Saturday and Tony Swift has a chest injury. The absence of Ubogu and Hilton *means a league debut for* Kevin Yates and a recall for John Mallett.

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Brazilians flock to honour Senna

Oliver Holt sees emotional scenes at the São Paulo graveside of a national hero

Yesterday was his birthday, so the people of Saõ Paulo hung a few more souvenir T-shirts on the line that was rigged up between two trees at *the cemetery gates*. They laid a protective carpet of artificial grass around his grave to cater for the increase in numbers and, amid the flowers, television reporters interviewed those who had come from far afield to pay their respects.

Ayrton Senna would have been 35 yesterday and a steady trickle of mourners made their way to his graveside. Nearly 11 months after he was killed during *the San Marino Grand Prix at* Imola, the country still clings to his memory. Schoolgirls pinned cardboard leaves shaped like hearts on the branches of the *ipé* tree that marks his resting place and somebody had strung up a banner that read: *Feliz aniversario, Ayrton Senna do Brasil.*

Senna, three times the Formula One world champion, has joined that select band whose graves become places of pilgrimage, worshipped in death as they were in life. The continued reverence is uplifting but, as with the vigils around the grave of the singer, Jim Morrison, in Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris, so here on the small hill in the Cimiterio do *Morumbi, the dignity of the dead suffers* in the scramble to pay homage.

The occasion carried more immediacy here because the city hosts its first grand prix without Senna on Sunday. The organisers say ticket sales are up and posters are pushing the candidacy of *Rubens Barrichello as the heir to Senna*, but everyone knows the atmosphere will not be the same without him.

The strain on the Williams team will be intense. Most Brazilians hold Damon Hill in esteem but some also blame Williams for the death of their idol. They point the finger at the car not the driver for the accident which killed him. Nevertheless, Hill and Frank Williams, the team owner, attended the launch of the Ayrton Senna Foundation here last night. The Foundation is a charitable project to effect educational and social improvement in Brazil and is funded by the sale of merchandise such as the Senna watch, $3,000, Senna sunglasses, $400, *and Senna pens, $1,200.*

The invitation beckons you to "the realisation of a man's dream". Cynicism creeps in but then you feel the grime and the toil of this urban sprawl and see the reality of the slums, and people paying for a piece of the memory of Ayrton *Senna does not seem so bad anymore.*

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